

## Reciprocity Agreement Between Kentucky and Ohio

- I. Definitions: The parties agree that the following terms will have the following specific definitions, when used in this agreement:
  - a. Reciprocating state – The party state in which an individual is applying for a reciprocal license.
  - b. Home state – The party state in which an individual holds an active license.
  - c. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) – As defined under Kentucky Revised Statutes 335.500(3), an LPCC is *“a credential holder who has been determined by the Kentucky Board to have met all qualifications set forth in Kentucky Revised Statutes 335.525(1) to engage in the independent practice of professional counseling.”* Professional counseling is defined under Kentucky Revised Statutes 335.500(5) as *“professional counseling services that involve the application of mental health counseling and developmental principles, methods, and procedures, including assessment, evaluation, treatment planning, amelioration, and remediation of adjustment problems and emotional disorders, to assist individuals or groups to achieve more effective personal, social, educational, or career development and adjustment.”*
  - d. Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) – As defined under Kentucky Revised Statutes 335.500(4), an LPCA is a credential holder who has been determined by the board to have met all qualifications set forth in KRS 335.525(2) to engage in the practice of professional counseling under an approved clinical supervisor as authorized by the board.
  - e. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) – Ohio Definition
  - f. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) – Ohio Definition
  - g. Original License – The license held by an individual in the home state. The license upon which an individual bases his or her qualification for a reciprocal license in the reciprocating state.
  - h. Party – A state licensing board with the authority to grant professional counseling licenses in their respective jurisdiction, which has agreed to be bound by this Reciprocal Agreement.
  - i. Reciprocal License – A license granted to an individual in reliance on this Reciprocal Agreement, based upon information that the individual holds an appropriately issued original license in the home state.

- II. The parties acknowledge that the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) License issued by Kentucky and the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) license issued by Ohio are substantially equivalent licenses, which allow the holder to diagnose and treat mental health disorders.
- III. The parties acknowledge that the Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) License issued by Kentucky and the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) license issued by Ohio are substantially equivalent licenses, which allow the holder to diagnose and treat mental health disorders under an board approved supervisor.
- IV. The parties acknowledge that the licensing and skill requirements necessary to become a LPCA and LPCC in Kentucky, as listed in Kentucky Revised Statutes 335.525 and in 201 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 36:060 and 36:070, and the skills and requirements necessary to become a LPC and LPCC in Ohio, as listed in (Add citations), are substantially the same.
- V. The parties will accept and approve supervision contracts for their LPC and LPCA reciprocal applicants as long as they are qualified LPCC supervisors in either Ohio or Kentucky.
- VI. The parties acknowledge that their respective statutes, KRS 335.527 and (Ohio Citation – 4757.18), allow them to grant a reciprocal license under certain conditions. The parties therefore agree to reciprocally recognize and accept a valid, unrestricted, undisciplined LPCC or LPCA for LPC license from the home state as grounds to grant a reciprocal license in the reciprocating state under the following conditions:
  - a. This agreement applies only to individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older who were properly licensed according to the statutes and rules of the home state.
  - b. The parties agree that individuals applying for a reciprocal license in accordance with this agreement will pay the fee for a reciprocal license specified in the reciprocating state's statutes or rules, or if there is no reciprocal license fee specified, will pay the same statutory fee that an applicant for an original license would pay in the reciprocating state.
  - c. The parties agree that receipt of a reciprocal license in a reciprocating state will have no effect on the status of the original license in the home state. Individuals may have both an active original license and an active reciprocal license.
  - d. Each party reserves the right to administer a jurisprudence or ethics exam on the statutes and rules of their state, and to deny, restrict, or condition a reciprocal license based on the results of that exam.

- e. Each party reserves the right to request proof of good character, which may include a recent background check, letters of recommendation, and/or an interview before the party, and to deny, restrict, or condition a reciprocal license based on the results of the good character inquiry.
- f. Each party reserves the right to require proof of an active, valid license or certificate from the other state, to practice as an LPCA, LPCC or LPC, and proof of good standing with the certifying or licensing board.
- g. Each party reserves the right to reject an applicant for reciprocity or condition a reciprocal license on the basis of discovered or disclosed criminal history, fraud in the application, or other unprofessional conduct, as determined by the reciprocating party.
- h. Each party reserves the right to discipline an individual holding either an original or reciprocal license in that party's state for a violation of that party's practice act or rules, regardless of where the violation of law or rule occurred.
- i. The LPC or LPCA applicant for reciprocity must have completed and passed the National Counselor Exam (NCE). The LPCC applicant for reciprocity must have completed and passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE).
- j. All persons applying for a license in Ohio under this agreement must meet the education requirements as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757.
- i.k. Individuals licensed in another state and subsequently licensed by Kentucky through a reciprocity agreement must apply for an Ohio license via endorsement.

VII. This agreement will be in effect December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2017.

VIII.VIII. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.

VIII.IX. Each Party will develop a protocol to share information between the two boards.

IX.X. This agreement may not be altered, amended or modified without the express written consent of both parties to an amended agreement or addendum to the agreement. Written consent shall mean execution by each party's respective chairpersons after authorization by board vote.

Adopted by the respective parties according to their respective statutes and rules on Date.