

## State Licensure Information: West Virginia

**Licensing Board:** West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

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**Accreditation Information:** Regional accreditation

UMass Global is regionally accredited under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

**Degree Program total unit requirement:** 60

**Course equivalency:** One (1) course is equal to three (3) semester credits (units)

**Courses or course work required for Mental Health Practitioner License:**

1. Counseling Theories
2. Counseling Techniques
3. Human Growth and Development
4. Social and Cultural Foundations
5. Individual Appraisal
6. Professional Responsibilities
7. Principles of Etiology
8. Addictions Counseling
9. Group Dynamics
10. Lifestyle and Career Development
11. Marriage and Family Counseling
12. Research and Evaluation
13. Must have an additional six courses to allot for the degree requirement. Any of the following counseling related electives will suffice: 1)Human Sexuality, 2)Psychopharmacology, 3)Crisis Intervention, 4)Biological Basis of Behavior, 5)Counseling Special Populations, 6)Rehabilitation Counseling, 7)Any Other Advance Coursework

**Courses required compared to UMass Global courses offered**

West Virginia Course Work	UMass Global Equivalency
Counseling Theories	PSYU 502 – History and Foundations of Therapeutic Practices
Counseling Techniques	PSYU 520 – Advanced Individual Therapy I I
Human Growth and Development	PSYU 522 – Individual and Family Development
Social and Cultural Foundations	PSYU 524 – Clinical Issues in Human Diversity
Individual Appraisal	PSYU 534 – Clinical Assessment
Professional Responsibilities	PSYU 506 - Ethics and Professional Issues
Principles of Etiology	PSYU 510 - Psychopathology and Diagnosis
Addictions Counseling	PSYU 516 - Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse
Group Dynamics	PSYU 530 – Theory and Practice of Group Therapy
Lifestyle and Career Development	PSYU 545 – Transition to Work and Career

Marriage and Family Counseling	PSYU 512 – Family Therapy Theories and Techniques: A Modern Emphasis
Research and Evaluation	PSYU 528 - Research and Bibliographic Methods
<b>Six</b> additional courses	PSYU 538 – Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Disorders
	PSYU 536 – Psychopharmacology
	PSYU 539 – Crisis and Trauma Counseling
	PSYU 518 – Child/Adolescent Psychopathology
	PSYU 542 - Community and Environmental Mental Health
	PSYU 521 Advanced Individual Therapy II

**Practicum requirements:**

Practicum I / Pre-Practicum	Supervision	Practicum I, II & III / Internship	Supervision	Total Practicum Experience
Practicum and internship required. Does not indicate amount or duration		282 direct client contact hours	57 individual supervision or 114 hours of group supervision	<b>339 practicum hours</b>