

OREGON CREDENTIALING BOARD

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Legal Considerations

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OBJECTIVES TO UNDERSTAND THE PATH TO LICENSURE

- ◉ Describe and find Oregon's licensing board structures, regulations, and requirements.
- ◉ Find the board's information and activities.
- ◉ Describe licensure, requirements, stages, exams, and where to find detailed information.
- ◉ Describe and find compliance processes and violation filings.



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OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

- ◉ Salem, Oregon - State Capital.
 - OBLPCT.
 - 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 120
 - Salem, OR 97302
 - 503-378-5499 lpct.board@mhra.oregon.gov
 - MHRA - oversight to OBLPCT.
- ◉ Applicants & Licensees.
 - Registers and tracks information.
 - Applicants, licensees, associates, supervisors.
 - Licensees & Applicants (NBCC: NCE, NCMHCE).
 - Consumer information & actions.
- ◉ Resources to stay informed.
 - Q&A, Policies.
 - Calendar of Board Events.
 - Newsletters (State of Oregon, n.d.).



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OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

○ Applicant Portal.

- Register with the state board.
- Track hours for CE and supervision.
- Track credentials.

○ Registered Associates.

- Must register to apply on the Portal.
- Requires board approval before using Registered Associate.
- Must post supervised hours monthly.

○ Licensees.

- Add CE hours.
- Add supervision hours.
- Apply for a Supervisor credential (State of Oregon, n.d.).



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OREGON STATE BOARD MISSION

“Protecting the public by identifying and regulating the practice of qualified professional counselors and marriage and family therapists”
(State of Oregon, n.d.).

○ Mission

- Protect the public.
- License and regulate LPCs and LMFTs.
- Ensure the safety of Oregonians from unsafe practices.

○ Tasks of the board

- Manage new licenses and renewals.
- Handle ethical violations and compliance information.
- Manage CE and professional education guidelines.

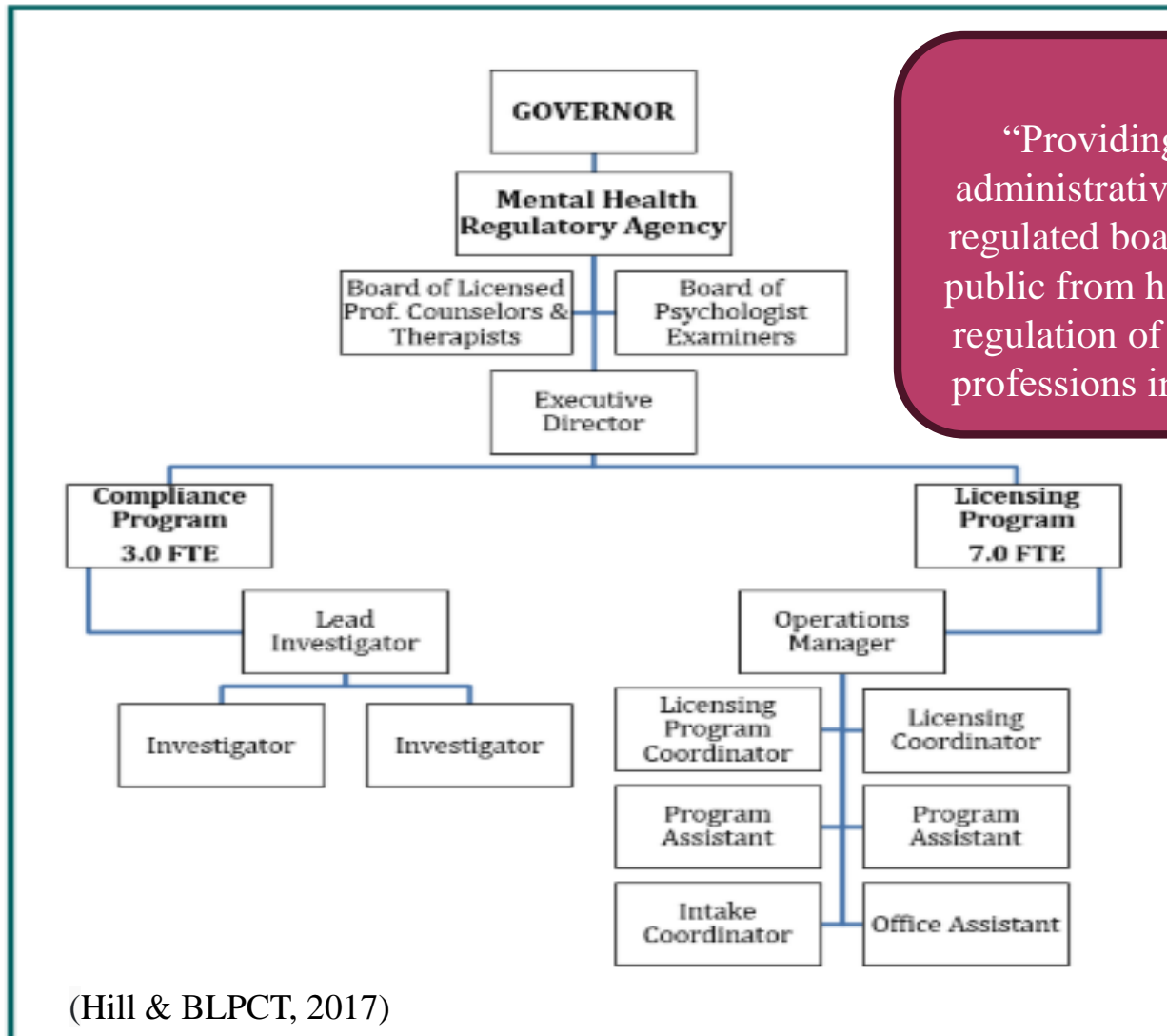
○ Board Goals

- Manage credentialing and ethics discipline.
- Balance public and licensee needs.
- Grow opportunities and reduce barriers (State of Oregon, n.d.).



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MENTAL HEALTH REGULATORY AGENCY OREGON



MISSION
“Providing effective coordination of administrative and regulatory functions of regulated boards involved in protecting the public from harm through the licensing and regulation of behavioral and mental health professions in Oregon” (OR MHRA, n.d.).

REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

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◉ Statutes.

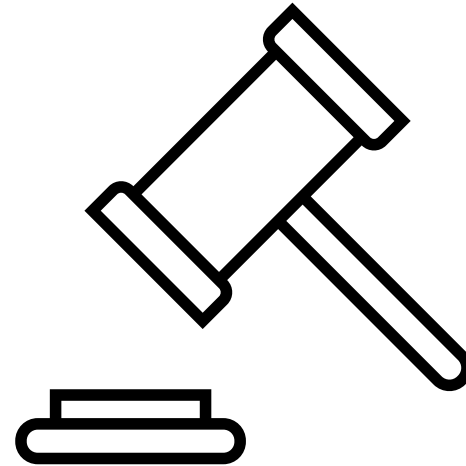
- Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 833.
- 12 Divisions.

◉ Licensure Requirements.

- Applications – Division 20.
- LPC – Division 30.
- LMFT – Division 40.
- Associate – Division 50.

◉ Scope of authority to regulate.

- State of Oregon.
- Those who use, claim, or plan to be LPCs and LMFTs.
- Stakeholders (Oregon, n.d., Administrative Rules, Chapter 833).



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BOARD STRUCTURE & COMMITTEES

○ Board Structure.

- Ensures safety of Oregonians.
- Charged with protecting Oregonians.
- Consists of eight members.

○ Committees, Programs, & members.

- Applications Licensure and CE.
- Consumer protection.
- DEI and Racial Equity.

○ Meetings.

- Meets on even-numbered months.
- In-person and teleconference (State of Oregon, n.d., About the Board section).



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LICENSURE IN OREGON

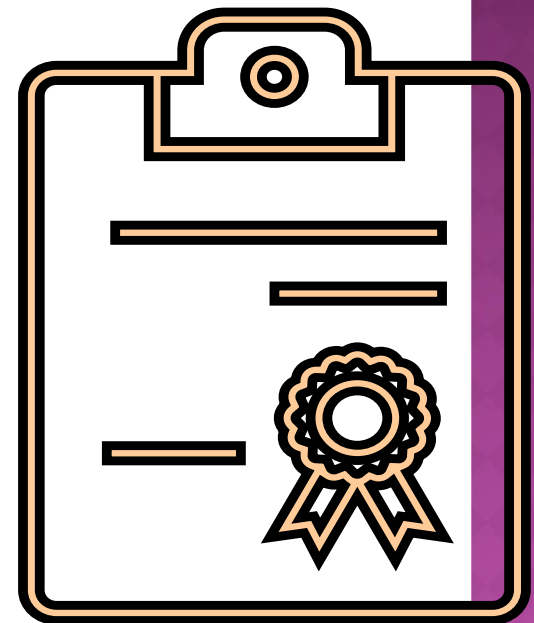
- Requirements.
 - 1900 supervised client contact hours required.
 - CACREP or equivalent curriculum.
 - Application and Exam.
- Documentation and paperwork to apply.
 - CACREP curriculum.
 - Professional Disclosure Statement (PDS).
 - Associate Plan.
- Required jurisprudence exams.
 - NBCC: NCE or NCMHCE.
(State of Oregon, n.d).



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TIERS OF LICENSURE

- ◉ Associate.
 - Works under supervision.
 - Must accrue 1900 supervised client contact hours.
 - Over 3 years, less than 5 years.
 - 1 year up to 400 hours can be pre-graduation.
 - “Registered Associate” is the only title allowed.
- ◉ Licensed.
 - Independent.
 - Can bill insurance.
 - Can apply for and become a supervisor.
- ◉ Supervisor.
 - Must meet additional requirements.
 - Can supervise associates and pre-graduates.
- ◉ Limited Permit.
 - Must be fully licensed in another state.
 - Up to 30 non-sequential days (State of Oregon, n.d.).



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COMPLIANCE COMPLAINTS

○ Violations.

- Unlicensed practice, non-sexual relationships, and sexual relationships (Wilkinson, 2019).
- Recent violations - 34 since 2019.
- Disciplinary action - Civil penalties, denials, fees, sanctions.

○ Complaint process.

- Sending a complaint.
- Review process.
- Adjudication.



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○ Complaint statistics.

- Under 10 / year in Oregon.
- Last 5 (State of Oregon, n.d.).



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QUESTIONS

- What additional information is needed?
 - Boards
 - Licensure processes
 - Exams
 - Compliance



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REVIEW

○ Objectives

- Four objectives.
- Describe key topics.
- Find details on websites.

○ Key information covered.

- Oregon's licensing board structures, regulations, and requirements.
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- Licensure, requirements, stages, exams, and where to find detailed information.
- Compliance processes and violation filings.

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