

# BENEFITS

## Benefits of Certification

- Grants recognition of knowledge and skills by a third party
- Enhances professional reputation
- Supports continued professional development
- Demonstrates a high level of commitment to the field of practice
- Validates a specific level of knowledge and skill
- Increases opportunities for career advancement and earnings
- Communicates credibility
- Serves as a differentiator in a competitive job market
- Meets employer or governmental requirements

## Benefits of Membership

- Networking and referral opportunities through the association
- FREE American Psychotherapy Association online continuing education credits
- Member only registration rates at the Executive Summit
- FREE subscription to the association's online journal, *Annals of Psychotherapy*
- Exclusive opportunity to have articles published in the association's online journal
- Greater sense of personal accomplishment as a member of a professional organization

"I have had the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with distinguished professional counselors across the country whose practices are on the cutting edge. This has given me valuable information and insight as a counselor and an educator."

~ Laura W. Kelley, PhD, LPC, BCPC

As psychotherapists and counselors, I believe we all want our field to establish the highest standards for practice and professional ethics. Those who are suffering and seek our help ought to know that the professionals they visit have met stringent professional criteria that are recognized as the standard throughout the country. Until now, there was no organization capable of setting the bar so high. I sit on several boards of nutraceutical companies and professional organizations. The vision and mission statement of the American Board of Professional Counselors is second to none."

~ Steven M. Rosman, PhD, LAc, MS, LMHC, NBCCH, BCPC

## 5 Easy Ways to Apply

Online at:

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# BOARD CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, BCPC®

## UNITING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



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You entered the field to help people. When was the last time an organization provided any real help to you?

## The Mission

The mission of the American Board of Professional Counselors (ABPC) is to be the nation's leading advocate for counselors. We will work with you to protect your right to practice, increase parity for your profession, and provide you with the recognition, validation, and fairness that you deserve. ABPC will champion a counselor's right to practice.

The prestigious Board Certified Professional Counselor, BCPC® credential may set you apart as being accomplished, competent, and dedicated to the counseling profession.

By joining the American Psychotherapy Association® as a Board Certified Professional Counselor, BCPC® you are joining more than an association. You become a member of a community of counselors dedicated to working together not only to better serve your clients, but also to support each other in your own professional development.

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## Board Certified Professional Counselor, BCPC®

Becoming a Board Certified Professional Counselor will provide you with resources, low- or no-cost continuing education opportunities, and a forum to network with fellow professional counselors.

For a limited time, you will have the unique opportunity to earn this certification based on a review of your portfolio.

## Certification Qualifications

Minimum qualifications for the certification during the portfolio review include:

- A master's or doctoral degree in counseling, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, psychiatry, or a related area
- A minimum of 3 years experience post master's degree in a counseling role
- A current license, if required by your profession or jurisdiction
- A score of at least 100 points on a portfolio review of your education, training, experience, knowledge, and skill



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