



Professional Licensure

Graduates of some Peirce College programs may choose to explore career paths requiring professional licensure, for example, as certified public accountants or social workers, which are among occupations often regulated by state and government requirements. These requirements are standards of practice or criteria surrounding legal permission to practice a profession. Criteria may include level of education, licensure examinations, and/or work-related experience in the subject.

Students and graduates exploring licensed career paths should familiarize themselves with the requirements of the states where they reside and/or wish to practice. Graduates seeking a career path requiring state licensure should be prepared for requirements beyond their degree program.

Accounting: a Peirce BS in Accounting is a stepping stone for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam and certification. The accounting program at Peirce provides instruction in all areas required for the CPA exam, however additional preparation is necessary to become a CPA candidate. For information regarding Pennsylvania licensure, please visit the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants ([PICPA](#)) and the [Pennsylvania State Board of Accountancy](#). For information on regulations and licensure in other states, please visit the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ([NASBA](#)).

Social Workers: for information on becoming licensed social workers and counselors in Pennsylvania, graduates of the Peirce BS in Human Services Leadership program should explore the [guide](#) to educational requirements, timelines, and steps towards obtaining licensure provided by the Pennsylvania Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors. The minimum educational requirement for a licensed social worker is a master's degree in social work or social welfare. For information on requirements in other states, please visit the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) [website](#).

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