INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE EXAM REQUIRED FOR
TRICARE’S CREDENTIAL

NBCC’s Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) is similar to TRICARE’s Certified Mental Health Counselor but it is not the same. NBCC does not issue the credential for TRICARE but they administer the exam needed to obtain TRICARE’s “Certified Mental Health Counselor” credential.

The actual application process for the credential is through TRICARE. A fully licensed counselor does not go through the state board to sit for the NCMHCE examination as NBCC has a registration process specifically for that pathway.

Please refer to the NBCC registration form. It can also be found on their website at www.nbcc.org/NCMHCE. When testing for military purposes, the scores will not be sent to the state board.

The applicant receives a printout of their score after taking the exam and they have to provide a copy of that printout to TRICARE as proof of passing the exam.

The credential with TRICARE is for individuals who seek to be credentialed as a “TRICARE Certified Mental Health Counselor” and for individuals who wish to take the NCMHCE for potential employment within the military, such as with the Army Substance Abuse Program.