

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, November 1, 2024, and filed with the agency secretary on Monday, December 16, 2024.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 536-X-2-.02

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **8 - It is the responsibility of the candidate and the supervisor to ensure that direct client contact hours and supervision hours are concurrent. This applies for hours towards the intership and post-degree requirements.**

RULE TITLE: Requirements For Licensure: Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist (LMFT)

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted with changes. 2 statements were changed

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STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Marriage Family Therpy Board

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

536-X-2-.02

**Requirements For Licensure: Licensed Marriage
And Family Therapist (LMFT).**

Application:

(1) Submission of a completed application on the forms prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5 APPENDICES 2: FORMS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS); and submission of applicable fees prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5 APPENDICES 1: FEES).

(2) Evidence that the applicant is of good moral character and has not or is not engaged in any practice or conduct that would make the applicant ineligible to receive a license pursuant to the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Act;

Education/Transcripts

(3) Completion of the education, internship, clinical, and supervision requirements for a licensed MFT Associate (See 536-X-2-.05): (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy Associate (LAMFTA)); Submission of transcripts REQUIRED.

National Examination:

(4) Passed the marriage and family therapy examination approved by the Board (See 536-X-4-.07 Guidelines for Examination Application Requirements);

Direct Clinical and Supervision Hours:

(5) Completion of a minimum of two (2) years post degree per week MFT work experience under the supervision of a Board Approved Supervisor as a licensed MFT Associate;

(6)(a) Completion of two-hundred (200) hours of supervision, one-hundred (100) of which must be individual. Candidates may count up to one-hundred (100) supervision hours earned during the graduate program toward this requirement, when based on a ratio of one (1) supervision hour for every five (5) client contact hours completed concurrently. The remaining one hundred (100) hours of post-degree supervision must include at least fifty (50) hours of individual supervision. Applicants from allied mental health professions or candidates not completing a graduate internship must complete concurrently the full supervision requirement post-degree while being supervised by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, AAMFT Supervisor Candidate, ABEMFT Approved Supervisor, or ABEMFT Supervisor Candidate.

(b) All out-of-state applicants will be reviewed case-by-case to ensure that the same standards are met.

(7) Completion of a minimum of one-thousand (1000) post-degree direct client hours completed concurrently with the required ratio of one (1) supervision hour to every ten (10) client contact hours at least two hundred-fifty (250) of these direct contact hours must be with couples or families physically present in the therapy room. Additionally, group therapy may be counted but cannot be considered "relational" unless the members

of the group live with in the same household (including residential treatment or multi family groups.)

~~(8) It~~ In Addition:

(a). The board must receive a written letter by the Approved Supervisor or Program Director for the university or training center outlining the hours accumulated beyond the 500 ~~the candidate and the ratio of supervision to clinical contact. supervisor to ensure that direct client contact hours and supervision hours are concurrent. This applies for hours toward the internship and post-degree requirements.~~

~~(9)~~ (8) For an MFT license to be renewed, the licensee must have completed the required Continuing Education or Experience Units during the previous twenty-four (24) months. (see 536-X-6 REQUIRED RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPERIENCE); and submission of applicable fees for license renewal prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5: APPENDICES 1: FEES).

Author: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-17A-1 thru 34-17A-26.

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