MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE

Listed below you will find the Marriage and Family Therapy professional board contact information and the licensing requirements for each state/territory.

Determination of Mercy University Marriage and Family Therapy curriculum meeting state/territory educational requirements for licensure/certification:

Yes – AL, AK, CA, CT, GA, HI, IN, KY, MA, MI, MS, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, TN

No – AK, AS, AZ, AR, CO, DE, DC, FL, GU, ID, IL, IA, KS, LA, ME, MD, MN, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, ND, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WV, WI, WY

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The Mercy University Marriage and Family Therapy Program curriculum **meets the educational requirements** for licensure in the following states/territories:

State /Territory	Professional Licensing Board		
	Specific State Licensing Information **All states: https://amftrb.org/resources/state-licensure-comparison/** **OR** **https://aamft.org/Advocacy/State_Resources/MFT_State_Resources.aspx**	**Mercy University Program Requirements**	**Does the Mercy University Marriage and Family Therapy program meet the requirements for certification/licensure in the other state?**
Alabama	**Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy -** http://www.mft.alabama.gov/ **Completion of the requirements for Associate licensure.** **Graduated from an accredited program.** **Completion of an internship (12-month minimum) during the program, or as a post-degree experience.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **Full-time, of at least 30 hours per week, or the equivalent of part-time work. Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual.** **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; two hundred-fifty (250) of these direct contact hours must be with couples or families physically present in the therapy room.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

Alaska	**Alaska Division of Corporations Business and Professional Licensing - https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofMaritalFamilyTherapy** **Completed application.** **Completion of the education requirements for the LMFTA.** **Master's or Doctoral degree in marital and family therapy or an allied mental health field from a regionally accredited institution.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **This is a four-year, non-renewable license to work in a clinic or social service setting.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of 1,700 hours of post-degree direct clinical contact with individuals, families, and couples.** **200 hours of direct supervision, including 100 hours of individual supervision and 200 hours of group supervision.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **Domestic violence training.** **Must pass a written or oral exam administered by the board.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No**

California	**California Board of Behavioral Sciences -** https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lmft.html **Completion of the requirements for the AMFT registration.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a regionally accredited program, or a COAMFTE-accredited program.** **Must include a six-semester or nine quarter units of practicum, with a minimum of 150 hours of direct client contact. Must also include 75 hours of either client-centered advocacy and/or face-to-face counseling experience.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **Must pass the California Law and Ethics exam. If an applicant does not pass, the applicant must re-take the exam for each registration renewal until passed.** **This registration must be renewed annually, for up to six years.** **Pass the clinical exam, and an exam on California Law and Ethics.** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised experience, during a period of at least 104 weeks.** **A minimum of 1,700 hours must be earned post-degree, and a maximum of 1,300 hours obtained during graduate training may count towards this requirement.** **A minimum of 1,750 hours of direct counseling to individuals, groups, couples, or families. A minimum of 500 of which must be with families, couples, or children.** **A maximum of 1,250 hours of nonclinical practice.** **One hour of direct supervisor contact is required for every five hours of client contact. No more than six hours of supervision shall be credited during any single week.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

Connecticut	**Connecticut Department of Public Health -** https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/MFT/Marital-and-Family-Therapist-Licensure-Requirements **Graduate degree in marital and family therapy from an accredited program.** **Must complete a practicum, consisting of 500 direct clinical hours, 100 of which must be clinical supervision.** **Passed the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards exam.** **Completion one year of supervised post-graduate work experience.** **24 months of supervised postgraduate work experience. At least 1,000 hours of direct clinical contact.** **In addition to the clinical contact hours, at least 100 hours of direct supervision by a licensed marital and family therapist.** **50 hours must be individual supervision.** **Note: individuals working towards completing their post-graduate supervision are exempt from the licensing requirement.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**
Georgia	**Georgia Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division –** https://www.gamft.org/licensure-requirements **Completion of the education requirements for the AMFT license.** **Passed the exam prescribed by the board after approval.** **A master's degree from a COAMFTE-accredited or a regionally accredited program in marriage and family therapy, or a related subject with equivalent coursework.** **Must include a one-year practicum, with a minimum of 500 hours of direct clinical experience. 100 hours must be directly supervised.** **A registered contract for post-graduate experience and supervision.** **Pass the exam prescribed by the Board after approval.** **If licensed as an AMFT prior to applying for full licensure:** **Two years of full-time (20 hours per week) post-master's experience and supervision.** **Includes a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct clinical experience.** **If not full-time, the equivalent amount of part-time work.** **100 hours of direct supervision. A minimum of 50 hours are required to be individual.** **If applying with a master's degree:** **Three years of full-time post-master's experience or its equivalent.** **Includes a minimum of 2,500 hours of direct clinical experience.** **One year of experience may have been in an approved practicum, including a minimum of 500 hours do direct clinical experience.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

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Hawaii	Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Professional and Vocational Licensing Mental Health Counselor Program - http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/marriage/statute_rules/ Completion of the requirements for the MFT Intern designation. Pass the exam prescribed by the Board (AMFTRB Exam). Application must be submitted prior to taking the exam. Completion of 1,000 hours of post-graduate marriage and family therapy practice. Must include 200 hours of clinical supervision in no less than two years. An individual who is a clinical member of AAMFT will be deemed to have met all educational and experience requirements.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency – https://networks.aamft.org/indiana/resources/new-page6 Completion of the education and internship requirements for the MFT Associate license. A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or a related topic with equivalent coursework. Completion of a supervised practicum, including a minimum of 300 face-to-face client contact hours under the supervision of an LMFT with at least five years of experience. 100 hours must be directly supervised by an LMFT. Pass an examination provided by the Board. This license may only be renewed up to two times. An associate temporary permit may be granted if the applicant pays an extra fee. Passed the exam approved by the board. Completion of two years of post-degree clinical experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,000 hours of client contact Half of the clients must be receiving marriage and family therapy services. Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	Yes

	of which must be individual.		
Kentucky	Kentucky Office of Occupations and Professions - https://mft.ky.gov/ Completion of the requirements for the associate permit. A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related field with equivalent coursework, from a regionally accredited program. Must include a practicum with at least 300 hours of supervised client contact. Pass the national exam. Once an application for an associate permit is filed, the applicant is eligible to sit for the exam. A written contract with an approved supervisor, with the purpose of earning experience hours needed for full licensure. This permit is limited to five years. Must complete two years of supervised experience in the practice of marriage and family therapy. Four hours of direct supervision are required per month, for a total of 200 hours. Up to 100 hours may be in a group setting. A minimum of 1,000 hours of client contact. Pass the national exam.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration and Allied Mental Health and Human Services - https://www.mass.gov/regulations/262-CMR-3-requirements-for-licensure-as-a-marriage-and-family-therapist First pathway: Clinical membership with AAMFT and a passing exam score, OR Meet the following requirements: Master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or related field, with a clinical internship or practicum. Two years of full-time or equivalent part-time (3,360), post-degree supervised clinical experience in a hospital or clinic setting. 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual. Minimum of 1,000 hours must be face-to-face contact hours. Minimum of 500 hours must be face-to-face contact hours with couples or families. Passing exam score. Must pass the AMTRB exam	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	Yes

Michigan	**Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Marriage-and-Family-Therapy/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Marriage-and-Family-Therapy-Licensing-Guide-FAQ-12626.pdf?rev=d95bb26603b34bbdb22ea2dfaf9ecb5c&hash=4D7F24920E44707F81D9AF0FE3483B4A** **A master's degree or higher in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from an accredited program.** **Must include a supervised practicum, with a minimum of 300 hours of direct client contact.** **Passed the exam approved by the board (AMFTRB Exam).** **Completion of a minimum of 1,000 hours of supervised direct client contact.** **Half of which must be direct client contact hours with families, couples, or subsystems of families.** **One hour of supervision is required for each 5 hours of experience, for a total of not less than 200 hours.** **100 hours must be individual supervision.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended** **for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.**	**Yes**

Mississippi	**Mississippi State Board of Examiners -** https://www.swmft.ms.gov/marriage-family-therapists-licensure-information **Completion of the requirements for the MFT Associate license.** **A minimum of a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from a COAMFTE-accredited program.** **Must include a 12-month practicum with 500 clinical experience hours.** **Pass the AMFTRB exam.** **Three professional reference letters from mental health professionals.** **An approved plan to complete the post-graduate supervised experience.** **Passed the AMFTRB exam.** **Three letters of professional reference from mental health professionals.** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **Must include 1,000 hours of face-to-face client contact.** **Up to one year of experience completed during a doctoral internship may be counted towards the required two years.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 50 of which must be individual.** **Up to 100 hours of clinical supervision obtained during graduate training may be counted towards the required 200 hours of direct supervision.** **At least 100 hours must be supervised by an AAMFT approved supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**
New Jersey	**New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs –** https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/mft/ **Completion of the requirements for associate licensure.** **A minimum of a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a regionally accredited program.** **Completion of an internship (12-month minimum) during the program, or as a post-degree experience.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision, with an identified Board-approved supervisor.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of two years of supervised marriage and family therapy experience.** **One calendar year (1,500 hours over a 50-week period, full-time, or the part-time equivalent) of counseling experience.** **Maximum of 1,150 hours of direct client contact.** **50 hours of direct supervision, at the rate of one hour per week.** **A maximum of 300 hours of other work-related activities.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **No more than 30 hours of experience shall be earned in any one week, and no more than 125 hours shall be earned in any one month.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

New Mexico	**New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department -** http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/counseling_and_therapy_practice_forms_and_applications.aspx **Completion of the requirements for an associate license.** **Graduated from an accredited program with a minimum of a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, counseling, or a related subject with equivalent coursework.** **Must complete the clinical core curriculum for marriage and family therapy.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **Completion of two years of postgraduate work experience as an MFT.** **Includes at least 1,000 hours of marriage and family therapy clinical contact.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual.** **An hour of face-to-face supervision for every ten hours of client contact.** **Pass the exam prescribed by the Board.** **A temporary license will be granted to individuals that meet all licensure requirements except examination. A temporary license will expire upon failure to take or pass the exam. This license is only valid for 6 months.** **A temporary license may only be reissued up to three times in order to pass the exam.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**
New York	**New York State Education Department Office of the Professions - https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/marriage-and-family-therapists/license-requirements** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a program accredited by COAMFTE or approved by the New York Education Department.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **More details on supervision requirements.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

North Carolina	**North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board -https://www.ncbmft.org/** **Completion of all the requirements for the Associate license.** **Graduated from a regionally accredited program.** **Completion of a clinical practicum.** **Evidence of intent to accrue the required supervised clinical experience required for full licensure.** **Application must include an agreement with an AAMFT Approved Supervisor to complete the clinical experience.** **Passes the exam prescribed by the Board (AMFTRB Exam).** **This license is non-renewable but may be extended for up to one year to complete the requirements to become a LMFT.** **Completion of 1,500 hours of supervised clinical experience.** **Up to 500 hours accrued during the candidate's time in a master's-degree program may be counted.** **200 hours must be approved ongoing supervision by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor.** **At minimum, one hour a month of ongoing supervision required until licensed as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist** **If this requirement is met during the master's-degree program, at minimum 25 hours are required post-degree.** **500 relational hours are required.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**
Ohio	**Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board -** https://cswmft.ohio.gov/ **Completion of the requirements for the LMFT license.** **Graduated from a regionally accredited program with at least a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related subject with equivalent coursework.** **Must complete a practicum that includes 500 hours of client contact. 100 hours must be direct supervision.** **An individual may be required to register as a marriage and family therapist trainee when completing their practicum or internship by the supervising agency. It is not required by the Board.** **Passed the exam prescribed by the Board.** **Must be approved by the Board to sit for the exam.** **A temporary license may be given to those who have completed all licensure requirements except for the exam.** **An LMFT must be under the supervision of a licensed independent practitioner (licensed professional clinical counselor, independent social worker, independent MFT).** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised training as an MFT.** **Must include 200 hours of face-to-face supervision while completing a minimum of 1,000 hours of documented client contact in marriage and family therapy.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

	Of the required 200 hours, a minimum of 100 hours must be individual supervision. **Of the required 1,000 hours, a minimum of 500 hours shall be experience with couples and/or families present.** **More details on supervision requirements.** **An independent MFT may engage in private practice as an individual practitioner.**		
Oklahoma	**Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL) -** https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/ **A master's or doctoral degree in marital and family therapy, or a related subject with equivalent coursework as defined by the Board.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised work experience as an MFT.** **Must include a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct client contact.** **250 hours must be direct client contact with families, couples, and/or groups.** **Direct supervision should occur no less than 6.25 hours for each 42 hours of direct client contact.** **A minimum of 150 hours must be face-to-face supervision, with no more than 75 hours of group supervision.** **Technology-assisted supervision shall not exceed 75 hours of the total requirement.** **Applicants in the process of obtaining supervised experience are called Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Candidates.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**
South Carolina	**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation -** https://www.mft-license.com/states/south-carolina-mft-license/ **According to AAMFT, add: Must have a Master's or Doctoral degree from a COAMFTE-accredited program or another accredited program with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours with similar educational standards.** **Must include a supervised practicum of 500 hours of face-to-face client contact over a minimum of 12 months; 40% of which must be relational. 100 hours of clinical supervision must be provided by a marriage and family therapy supervisor.** **Pass an exam approved by the Board.** **Must have a plan to complete supervised experience.** **Marriage and Family Therapist License Requirements** **Meet all of the requirements for the LMFT/A designation. Must already have a current, active, and unrestricted Marriage and Family Therapy Associate license.** **Must complete, in no less than two years, 1,500 hours of supervised experience.** **1,380 hours of client contact.** **A minimum of 120 hours must be supervised by an LMFT.** **Half of the supervision hours must be individual; the other half may be group supervision.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No**

Tennessee	**Tennessee Department of Health Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Pastoral Therapists** **https://www.tn.gov/health/licensure/pct.html** **Completion of the requirements for the temporary license.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or a related topic with equivalent coursework from a regionally accredited program.** **Must include a supervised practicum/internship with at least 300 hours of experience.** **Must have an identified supervisor to complete the supervised experience required for full licensure.** **May only represent themselves as a "marital therapy intern" or a "family therapy trainee."** **This license is valid for three years, or until the Board grants or denies a full license.** **Once deemed eligible by the Board, pass a written and oral exam prescribed by the Board.** **Includes a jurisprudence exam.** **Completion of two years of post-degree clinical experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,000 hours of clinical practice.** **200 hours must be directly supervised by a Board-approved supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**Yes**

The Mercy University Marriage and Family Therapy Program curriculum does not meet the educational requirements for licensure in the following states/territories:

State /Territory	**Professional Licensing Board**		
	Specific State Licensing Information	**Mercy University Program Requirements**	**Does the Mercy University Marriage and Family Therapy program meet the requirements for certification/licensure in the other state?**
American Samoa	**American Samoa does not offer or require a local professional license for marriage and family therapy (MFT). There is no territorial licensing board or specific regulatory framework to issue MFT credentials on the islands**	**American Samoa does not offer a professional license or certification for marriage and family therapy (MFT). There is no local territorial board or regulatory framework to issue MFT credentials within the jurisdiction**	**No**

Arizona	**Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners –** https://bbhe.az.gov/marriage-and-family-therapy **Completion of the requirements for Associate licensure.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or another behavioral science topic with equivalent coursework, from a regionally, or COAMFTE accredited program.** **Must include a practicum/internship with at least 300 hours of supervised direct client contact.** **Pass the exam prescribed by the Board (AMFTRB exam).** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **3,200 hours of supervised work experience.** **At least 1,600 hours of direct client contact, 1,000 of which are with families and/or couples.** **100 hours of direct clinical supervision, 75 of which must be done by a Board-approved LMFT.** **For one month of practice, there must be at least one hour of direct clinical supervision.** **At least 25 hours must be individual supervision.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Arizona requires 100 more hours in direct client contact.**

Arkansas	**Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy – https://healthy.arkansas.gov/boards-commissions/boards/examiners-in-counseling-arkansas-state-board/** **Complete the requirements for Associate licensure.** **A graduate degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a program accredited by COAMFTE or CACREP or has equivalent standards.** **Completion of an internship (12-month minimum) during the program, or as a post-degree experience.** **Pass an exam approved by the Board.** **A minimum of four references required: (2) from full-time faculty members in the degree granting program, (1) supervisor of clinical work, and (1) from another mental health professional.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **A minimum of four references required: (2) from full-time faculty members in the degree granting program, (1) supervisor of clinical work, and (1) from another mental health professional.** **Completion of three years of post-degree, full-time, supervised work experience as an MFT.** **Up to one year of experience may be counted towards this requirement if the applicant has 30 semester hours of graduate work beyond a master's degree.** **3,000 hours of direct client contact, and 800 hours of indirect client contact. For the first 500 hours of supervised experience, no indirect hours will be applicable. Up to 2,000 client contact hours of experience may be counted towards this requirement if the applicant has 60 semester hours of graduate work beyond a master's degree.** **A minimum of 1,500 hours must be direct client contact with families, couples, or groups.** **Direct supervision must be obtained at a ratio of one hour of supervision for every 10 hours of client contact for the first 500 hours of direct client contact. Then a ratio of one hour for every 20 hours of client contact.** **A minimum of 300 hours of direct supervision is required.** **Group supervision may not exceed over half of direct supervision.** **Must be supervised under a board approved LMFT supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Arkansas requires 3,000 hours of direct client contact, and 800 hours of indirect client contact. For the first 500 hours of supervised experience, no indirect hours will be applicable.** **A minimum of 1,500 hours must be direct client contact with families, couples, or groups.** **Also need 3 years post-graduate experience.**

Colorado	**Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies -** https://www.colorado.gov/dora/dpo **Master's or doctoral degree from an accredited program in marriage and family therapy, or its equivalent, as determined by the Board.** **Completion of two years (2,000 hours) of post-master's, or one year (1,500 hours) of post-doctoral practice in individual and marriage and family therapy.** **Includes 1,500 hours of direct face-to-face client contact, under a Board-approved supervisor.** **1,000 of those hours must be experience with couples or families.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **For every 1,000 hours of supervised practice, applicants must receive 50 hours of supervision, of which at least 25 hours must be face-to-face individual supervision. These hours must be reasonably distributed over each 1,000 hours.** **Pass an exam prescribed by the Board, and a jurisprudence exam.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Colorado requires completion of two years (2,000 hours) of post-master's, or one year (1,500 hours) of post-doctoral practice in individual and marriage and family therapy.** **Includes 1,500 hours of direct face-to-face client contact, under a Board-approved supervisor.** **1,000 of those hours must be experience with couples or families.**
Delaware	**Delaware Division of Professional Regulation -** https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcounselors/mftexperience/ **Completion of the LAMFT requirements.** **Graduate degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from an accredited program.** **Must include a supervised internship or practicum with at least 300 hours of direct client contact, 150 of which must be with couples or families.** **Pass the AMTRB exam with prior approval from the Board to sit for the exam.** **A written plan to complete the supervised experience requirement for full LMFT licensure.** **Must be licensed as an associate to complete the supervised experience for full licensure.** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised experience as an MFT.** **Includes a minimum of 3,200 hours of marriage and family therapy services.** **500 hours of couple and family therapy, 500 hours of individual therapy** **100 hours of face-to-face clinical supervision.** **Supervision by live video conferencing should not exceed 50% hours.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Delaware requires a minimum of 3,200 hours of marriage and family therapy services.**

District of Columbia	**District of Columbia Department of Health - https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/marriage-and-family-therapy-licensing** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a COAMFTE-accredited program, or a recognized educational institution.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of two years of postgraduate full-time supervised clinical experience as an MFT. This is to be completed while unlicensed, and under supervision.** **A minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised practice, 1,000 of which must be direct client contact.** **A minimum requirement of one face-to-face meeting between supervisor and supervisee each month.** **One hour of direct supervision shall be provided for every 20 hours of direct client contact.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, District of Columbia requires A minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised practice, 1,000 of which must be direct client contact.**
Florida	**Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling - https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensing/licensed-marriage-and-family-therapist/** **Completion of the education and internship requirements for the registered MFT intern designation.** **Passed the exam approved by the board (AMFTRB exam).** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised experience as an MFT.** **Must include a minimum of 1,500 hours providing face-to-face psychotherapy services in no less than 100 weeks.** **At least one hour of direct supervision every two weeks.** **Group supervision must alternate with individual.** **Completion of an eight-hour laws and rules course from a board-approved supervisor.** **Completion of a three-hour HIV/AIDS course, and a two-hour domestic violence course from a board-approved provider within six months of licensure.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Florida requires completion of an eight-hour laws and rules course, completion of a three-hour HIV/AIDS course and certificate of completion for a 2-hour prevention of medical errors course completed through a board approved provider.**

Guam	**Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners –** **https://guamhplo.org/gbahe/regulation-and-licensure** **Individuals who hold a current, valid license in a state of the United States, its territories or foreign country approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis as a Licensed Clinical Counselor of Mental Health, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner, Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health, or other license deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the Guam License for Marriage and Family Therapist, and who has passed both the NCE and the NCMHCE in a manner approved by the NBCC shall be eligible for the Guam license for Licensed Mental Health Counselor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Guam requires passing of both the NCE and the NCMHCE**
Idaho	**Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists -** https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardAdditional.aspx?Bureau=COU&BureauLinkID=100 **Completion of the education and practicum requirements required for the Associate license.** **A master's degree or higher in marriage and family therapy or a related topic with equivalent coursework, as approved by the Board.** **Includes a supervised practicum with direct client contact.** **Pass the exam prescribed by the Board (AMFTRB exam).** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised clinical experience.** **Must include a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct client contact, completed in no less than two years.** **1,000 hours of which must be direct client contact with couples and families.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be supervised by a marriage and family therapist.** **No more than 100 hours of direct group supervision.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Idaho requires Completion of 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised clinical experience. As well as a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct client contact, completed in no less than two years. 1,000 hours of which must be direct client contact with couples and families. Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be supervised by a marriage and family therapist. No more than 100 hours of direct group supervision. *Supervisor must be registered with the Idaho board to supervise. ***

Illinois	**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation** **https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/marrfamtherapy.html** **Completion of the requirements for the Associate license.** **Graduated from a regionally accredited program with a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or a subject with equivalent coursework.** **COAMFTE- accredited programs are acceptable.** **This license is valid for five years and may not be renewed.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of work experience.** **1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact with individuals, couples, and families.** **350 hours of which must be individual therapy, and another 350 must be working with two or more clients in a session.** **200 hours must be clinically supervised. 100 hours of which may be obtained during the graduate training.** **100 hours must be supervised by an approved marriage and family therapist.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Illinois requires** **Completion of 3,000 hours of work experience.** **1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact with individuals, couples, and families.** **350 hours of which must be individual therapy, and another 350 must be working with two or more clients in a session.** **200 hours must be clinically supervised.**
Iowa	**Iowa Bureau of Professional Licensure –** **https://dial.iowa.gov/how-do-i-permanent-marriage-family-therapist** **Completion of the requirements for temporary licensure.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marital and family therapy, from a program accredited by COAMFTE.** **May also have a master's or doctoral degree in a related topic with equivalent coursework, or a regionally accredited program with equivalent content.** **Must include a supervised practicum with at least 300 clock hours.** **Pass an exam prescribed by the Board.** **Must submit a plan to complete the supervised experience requirement for full licensure.** **This license is valid for three years and may be renewed at the discretion of the Board.** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **Completion of at least 3,000 hours of marital and family therapy experience.** **1,500 hours of direct client contact.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual.** **Includes a minimum of 25% of all clinical supervision in person.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Iowa requires completion of at least 3,000 hours of marital and family therapy experience.** **1,500 hours of direct client contact.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual.** ***Supervisor must be Iowa-licensed and have 3 years clinical experience. *****
Kansas	**Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board -** **https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/professions/mf-therapists** **Must be currently licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist or meet the same qualifications.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related field with equivalent coursework.** **Pass the national exam at the basic level.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.**	**No, Kansas requires 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.** **1,500 hours must be direct clinical contact.** **100 hours of direct supervision are required, 50 of which must be individual.**

	Must have an application on file twelve weeks prior to taking the national exam. **Must complete 4,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.** **1,500 hours must be direct clinical contact.** **100 hours of direct supervision are required, 50 of which must be individual** **Pass the national exam at the clinical level.** **At least 50 hours of individual clinical supervision, with the supervisor and the supervisee in the same physical space.** **At least 100 hours of clinical supervision with one supervisor and no more than six supervisees.** **At least one hour of clinical supervision is required during each week in which the applicant has 15 or more hours of direct client contact.** **At least two separate clinical supervision sessions per month, of which one session must be individual.**	**AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	
Louisiana	**Louisiana LPC Board of Examiners -** https://www.lpcboard.org/ **Completion of the requirements for the MFT Intern designation.** **Graduated from a COAMFTE-accredited, or a CACREP-accredited program with a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy.** **If not COAMFTE or CACREP-accredited, coursework must be substantially equivalent.** **Must include a practicum.** **Must complete the required supervised post-graduate experience while under this license.** **Must submit a plan for supervision to the Advisory Committee.** **Must apply for full LMFT licensure within six years of attaining PLMFT, or applicant must reapply for PLMFT.** **Pass the exam prescribed by the Advisory Committee.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of post-graduate marriage and family therapy practice.** **Must include 2,000 hours of direct client contact.** **Up to 500 hours of direct client contact experience earned during graduate training may be counted.** **1,000 hours may be indirect work experience or other professional activities.** **At least 200 hours must be qualified supervision, 100 of which must be individual supervision.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Louisiana requires completion of 3,000 hours of post-graduate marriage and family therapy practice. Also, must include 2,000 hours of direct client contact. Up to 500 hours of direct client contact experience earned during graduate training may be counted.** **1,000 hours may be indirect work experience or other professional activities.**

Maine	**Maine Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation –** https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure/licensing-and-forms **Completion of the requirements for conditional licensure.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a regionally accredited program approved by the Board.** **Must include a one-year clinical practicum/internship, with at least 900 clock hours and a minimum of 360 hours of client contact.** **Pass the exam approved by the Board (AMTRB Exam).** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **Three letters of reference to be completed by professionals in the counseling field.** **This license is valid for two years and may be renewed for up to two additional two-year periods.** **A temporary conditional license may be granted to an applicant that has not yet taken the exam. This license is valid for six months and is nonrenewable.** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised experience as an MFT.** **3,000 hours of supervised clinical counseling experience.** **A minimum of 1,000 hours must be direct clinical contact with couples and families.** **200 hours of direct clinical supervision, at a rate of one hour of supervision per 15 hours of experience. 100 hours must be individual supervision.** **Up to 50 hours of individual supervision may be conducted through live video or audio conferencing.** **An applicant whose degree did not include a sufficient internship, but did include at least 600 clock hours must complete additional post-graduate clinical supervision:** **4,000 hours of supervised clinical counseling experience, 1,500 of which must be direct clinical contact with couples and families.** **300 hours of direct clinical supervision, at a rate of one hour of supervision per 13 hours of practice. 150 hours must be individual, 75 of which may be conducted through live video or audio conferencing.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Maine requires a minimum of 360 client contact.** **(Mercy requires only 300)** **In this case Maine requires: An applicant whose degree did not include a sufficient internship, but did include at least 600 clock hours must complete additional post-graduate clinical supervision:** **4,000 hours of supervised clinical counseling experience, 1,500 of which must be direct clinical contact with couples and families.** **300 hours of direct clinical supervision, at a rate of one hour of supervision per 13 hours of practice. 150 hours must be individual, 75 of which may be conducted through live video or audio conferencing.**
Maryland	**Maryland Department of Health -** https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/marriagetherapy.aspx **Completion of the requirements for the LGMFT license.** **A master's or doctoral degree from an accredited program in marriage and family therapy, or a related subject with equivalent coursework.** **Pass the AMFTRB exam, and a jurisprudence exam.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam**	**No, Maryland requires to pass the AMFTRB exam, and a jurisprudence exam, plus a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience.**

	This license is valid for two years under the supervision of an approved MFT supervisor while fulfilling post-graduate supervised clinical experience. Pass the AMFTRB exam, and a jurisprudence exam. Completion of two years of post-degree supervised clinical experience as an MFT. A minimum of 2,000 hours of experience. 1,000 hours of which must be face-to-face client contact. 50 hours shall be individual face-to-face clinical supervision. 100 hours must be face-to-face clinical supervision hours. A maximum of 50 hours may be group supervision.	Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy https://www.mamft.net/becoming-an-lmft Completion of the requirements for Associate licensure. A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a regionally accredited program. Must include a practicum/internship with at least 300 hours of supervised direct client contact, 150 hours of which must be with couples and/or families. Pass the exam required by the Board. This license is valid for one year and may be renewed annually for up to six years. Passed the exam approved by the board. Submit two letters of endorsement from other LMFTs, either licensed in Minnesota, or another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent licensing requirements. Completion of at least two years of post-degree supervised experience as an MFT. Includes a minimum of 4,000 hours. 1,000 hours must be direct client contact under a Board-approved supervisor. 500 hours of which must be with couples, families, or similar relational groups. 200 hours must be directly supervised, at a ratio of one hour of supervision for every five hours of practice. At least 100 hours must be individual supervision. Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. *Through December 31, 2022, the Board has affirmed the waiver on electronic supervision hours. More than 25% of required supervision may continue virtually. *	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, Minnesota requires a minimum of 4,000 hours.
Missouri	Missouri Division of Professional Registration - https://pr.mo.gov/marital.asp Completion of the requirements for the PLMFT. A minimum of a master's degree in marital and family therapy or a related subject with equivalent coursework from a regionally accredited program. Must include a practicum. Passed the exam approved by the board.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam	Minimum of 24 calendar months and no more than 60 calendar months of supervised experience. Minimum of 1,500 hours of supervised experience in marital and family therapy direct client contact.

	Must have an application for supervision or licensure already filed with the State Committee. This license is valid for two years and may be extended at the discretion of the State Committee. It is not required to have a Provisional license to obtain supervision hours. May also complete supervised experience without a license, under the title Supervised Marital and Family Therapist (SMFT). The SMFT must still register with the State Committee. Master's Level: Completion of 3,000 hours of supervised experience as an MFT. 1,500 hours of 3,000 must be direct client contact. One hour a week, or two hours every two weeks must be individual face-to-face supervision. Must complete a minimum of 200 hours of face-to-face supervision, half of which must be individual. Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual. Doctoral or Specialist's Degree Level: Completion of 1,500 hours of supervised experience. 750 hours of which must be direct client contact.	Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	
Montana	Montana Department of Labor and Industry - http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/bbh A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a recognized educational institution, or a program accredited by COAMFTE. Once the education requirements are complete, an applicant should register as a Marriage and Family Therapist Licensure Candidate to complete the supervised experience requirement for full licensure. The MFT Candidate must submit a plan of supervision to the Board and register annually. Passed the exam approved by the board. Completion of 3,000 hours of supervised experience. 1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact, half of which must be with couples and families. Up to 500 hours may be accumulated while in graduate training. 200 hours of direct supervision, of which 75% must be individual. Must include a supervised practicum and an internship or externship that includes a minimum of 500 hours of direct client contact.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, Montana requires completion of 3,000 hours of supervised experience.
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services - http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx Mental Health Practitioner License Requirements Completion of the requirement for Provisional licensure. A master's or doctoral degree in a therapeutic mental health field accredited by COAMFTE, CACREP, CSWE, or APA. Must include a practicum/internship with a minimum of 300 clock hours of direct client contact. A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision, with an identified Board-approved supervisor.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.	No, Nebraska requires completion of 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised experience in mental health practice immediately preceding the application of a license.

	Passed the exam approved by the board. For the marriage and family therapy certification, an applicant must pass the AMFTRB exam. **Completion of 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised experience in mental health practice.** **1,500 hours must be direct client contact, and the remaining 1,500 may be indirect work.** **CMFT specific requirements:** **Cumulative ratio of two hours of direct supervision for every 15 hours of client contact. No more than 45 hours may be accumulated without direct supervision.** **Mental Health Practitioner License Requirements** **Completion of the requirement for Provisional licensure.** **Passed the exam approved by the board. For the marriage and family therapy certification, an applicant must pass the AMFTRB exam.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of postgraduate supervised experience in mental health practice.** **1,500 hours must be direct client contact, and the remaining 1,500 may be indirect work.** **CMFT specific requirements:** **Cumulative ratio of two hours of direct supervision for every 15 hours of client contact. No more than 45 hours may be accumulated without direct supervision.**	**A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	
Nevada	**Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors - http://marriage.nv.gov/** **Completion of the requirements for the MFT Intern license.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Three letters of recommendation, personal or professional.** **Completion of at least two years of postgraduate experience.** **At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience.** **1,500 of which must consist of direct client contact.** **300 hours must be direct supervision, including at least 160 hours with the primary supervisor, and at least 40 hours with the secondary supervisor.** **Specific supervision requirements.** **https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-641A.html#NAC641ASec146**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Nevada requires at least 3,000 hours of supervised experience.**
New Hampshire	**New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification - https://www.oplc.nh.gov/mental-health/** **Completion of the education and internship requirements for the MFT Intern/candidate designation.** **Passed the exam required by the Board, after seeking approval to sit for the exam.** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of one hour per week of direct face-to-face individual supervision is required.** **3,000 hours of experience are required.** **1,000 of which must be direct face-to-face client contact with individuals, families, and couples.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.**	**No, New Hampshire requires 3,000 hours of experience.**

	Of the 1,000 hours, 200 hours must be directly supervised by an AAMFT approved supervisor, or a Board-approved alternate. 100 hours of direct supervision during COAMFTE graduate training may be counted towards this post-degree requirement. Up to 500 hours of supervised experience during COAMFTE graduate training may be counted towards this post-degree requirement.	This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners - https://ndmftlb.org/ Must be currently licensed as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist or meet the same qualifications. Must have a master's or Doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or a related field with equivalent coursework. Pass the exam prescribed by the Board. This license must be renewed annually and may be renewed for up to an additional four years. Must complete two calendar years (at least 3,000 hours) of supervised clinical experience. 1,500 hours must be direct clinical contact. Supervised by a LMFT, at least 200 hours face to face contact with at least 100-hour settings in individual settings. 100 hours per year, minimum of one hour every 2 weeks.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, North Dakota requires at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.
Oregon	Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists - https://www.oregon.gov/OBLPCT/Pages/Experience.aspx A graduate degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from an accredited program. Must include a supervised clinical practicum or internship, with a minimum of 700 clock hours, including 280 direct client contact hours. Passed the exam approved by the board. Completion of three years of post-degree supervised clinical experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,900 supervised direct client contact hours, 750 of which must be with couples and families.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, Oregon requires a minimum of 2,400 supervised direct client contact hours, 1,000 of which must be with couples and families.
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of State - https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageanFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx Graduated from an accredited program with at least a master's degree in marriage and family therapy or a related subject with equivalent coursework. Passed the exam prescribed by the board. Completion of post-graduate supervised clinical experience.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,	No, PA requires 3000 hours for the master's degree. 1,500 must be clinical, while the other 1,500 can be non-face-to-face.

	Master's degree: 3,000 hours. Doctoral degree: 2,400 hours. 1,200 hours of which must be obtained after the granting of the doctoral degree. Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. All individuals must complete 2 hours of supervision per 40 hours worked. No more than 1,500 hours may be supervised by group supervision.	Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors - https://www.triadhq.com/path-to-licensure/puerto-rico-pathways	The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico does not offer a distinct, standalone license for marriage and family therapy (MFT). Instead, mental health professionals who wish to practice family and relational therapy must do so under a related and legally regulated professional credential, such as a license in professional counseling or psychology	No
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Health - http://www.health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228 A master's or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited program in marriage and family therapy, or a related subject with equivalent coursework. Must include a minimum of 12 semester credit hours of supervised practicum. Must include one year of a supervised internship consisting of 20 hours a week. Passed the exam approved by the board. Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 2,000 hours of direct client contact. A minimum of 100 hours of direct supervision spread over the two years.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, RI requires a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct client contact.
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists - https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/examiners.aspx A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from a program accredited by COAMFTE, CACREP, or a regionally accredited program. Program must include a practicum, consisting of at least 300 hours of client contact. A passing exam score must be submitted along with a plan for supervision. Must complete two calendar years of supervised clinical experience. 1,700 hours must be direct clinical contact. At least 200 hours must be direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual supervision.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, South Dakota requires 1,700 hours must be direct clinical contact.

Texas	**Texas Department of State Health Services – https://bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-marriage-and-family-therapists/applying-for-a-marriage-and-family-therapist-license/** **Completion of the requirements for the LMFT Associate license.** **Graduated from a program accredited by COAMFTE with a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or a related mental health field with equivalent coursework.** **Or, another accredited program that includes a practicum of 9 credit hours or 12 months.** **Passed the AMFTRB exam and a jurisprudence exam.** **Must submit a supervisory agreement form.** **This license is valid for two years and may be renewed biennially for up to six years.** **Completion of two years of full-time supervised work experience.** **Must include at least 3,000 hours of board-approved, supervised marriage and family therapy practice experience.** **1,500 hours of which must be in direct clinical services, with 750 hours of working with couples or families.** **200 hours must be directly supervised, 100 of which must be individual supervision.** **Up to 500 hours may be transferred from the practicum completed during a COAMFTE accredited doctoral program.** **Completion of 200 hours of direct supervision, 100 of which must be individual.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years, but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Texas requires at least 3,000 hours of board-approved, supervised marriage and family therapy practice experience.**
Utah	**Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing - https://commerce.utah.gov/dopl/licenses/** **Must meet all the requirements for associate licensure.** **Graduated from a COAMFTE-accredited or Board-approved accredited program.** **A completed application and application fee.** **This license is limited to the amount of time it takes to complete the supervision and clinical training requirements for full licensure.** **Associate License can be extended to a maximum of one year after the minimum requirements for full licensure have been met.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of marriage and family therapy training experience in no less than two years.** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **Includes 100 hours of direct supervision.** **Must include a minimum of 1,000 hours of mental health therapy.** **Includes two hours of suicide prevention training, by a Board-approved provider.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Utah requires completion of 4,000 hours of marriage and family therapy training experience. Plus includes a minimum of 1,000 hours of mental health therapy. Includes two hours of suicide prevention training, by a Board-approved provider.**

Vermont	**Vermont Secretary of State Board of Allied Mental Health -** **https://www.licensetrail.com/licenses/vermont/licensed-marriage-and-family-therapist** **A graduate degree in marriage and family therapy from a regionally accredited program, or a program accredited by COAMFTE.** **Must meet the course requirements if not already a board-approved program.** **Must include a supervised internship/practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 hours of direct marriage and family therapy services.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of two years of post-degree supervised practice as an MFT.** **In order to complete supervised practice, the applicant must be entered on the Roster of Psychotherapists who are Non licensed and Noncertified.** **A minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised practice with individual, couple, family, or group therapy from a systems perspective.** **2,000 hours must be direct service, half of which must be with couples and/or families.** **1,000 hours must be continued clinical practice or indirect services.** **100 hours must be face-to-face supervision, with a required one hour for every 30 hours of practice.** **50 hours must be individual supervision.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Vermont requires minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised practice with individual, couple, family, or group therapy from a systems perspective. Where 2,000 hours must be direct service, half of which must be with couples and/or families.**
Virginia	**Virginia Board of Counseling -** **https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Counseling/ApplicantResources/MFTapplicationinfo/** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from an accredited program** **Must include a supervised practicum/internship, of at least 600 hours, including 240 hours of direct client contact. 200 hours must be with couples, families, and/or groups.** **Completion of supervised residency.** **Must submit an application to the Board before starting residency.** **Consists of 3,400 hours of residency, 2,000 of which are documented hours of clinical marriage and family services.** **1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact.** **At least 200 hours of in-person supervision, at least half are supervised by a LMFT.** **No more than 100 hours may be acquired through group supervision.** **After completing the supervision requirements and submitting an application, pass the Board approved exam.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Virginia requires 3,400 hours of residency, 2,000 of which are documented hours of clinical marriage and family services.**

Virgin Islands	**United States Virgin Islands Department of Health** **https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/counselorrequirements/**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No**
Washington	**Washington State Department of Health -** https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MarriageandFamilyTherapist/LicenseRequirements **Completion of all the requirements for the Associate license.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from an approved program.** **Must include a supervised internship/practicum.** **Must declare they are working towards full licensure.** **This license may only be renewed up to six times.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.** **1,000 hours must be direct client contact, of which 500 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating families and couples.** **200 hours of qualified supervision with an approved supervisor; 100 of which must be one-on-one supervision.** **100 hours of supervision must be with an LMFT who has at least five years of clinical experience.** **A graduate from a COAMFTE-accredited program will be considered to have 500 hours of direct clinical contact and 100 hours of meetings with the supervisor.** **Pass the AMFTRB Exam.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Washington requires completion of 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience.**
West Virginia	**West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling -** http://www.wvbec.org/ **Completion of the requirements for Provisional licensure.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework, from an accredited program.** **Must include a supervised practicum, with a minimum of 300 direct client contact hours, half of**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience**	**No, West Virginia states that master's level applicants must complete a minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised MFT experience in not less than two years.**

	which must be with couples and families. Pass the exam prescribed by the Board A supervisory agreement established to complete hours of work experience and supervision. A provisional license is valid for 36 months and may be renewed once for an additional 24 months. Master's level applicants must complete a minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised MFT experience in not less than two years. Doctoral level applicants must complete a minimum of 1,500 hours of supervised MFT experience in not less than one year. At least half of the supervised experience hours must be direct client contact. Half of these hours must be directly working with couples and families. A minimum of one hour of direct supervision is required for every 20 hours of practice.	as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	
Wisconsin	Wisconsin MPSW Examining Board DSPS - https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/MFT/Default.aspx Completion of the requirements for a training license. Passed the exam approved by the board. Completion of 3,000 hours of post-degree work experience as an MFT. At least 1,000 hours must be face-to-face client contact. Must be completed with a training license. Graduated from a COAMFTE-accredited, or Board-approved program with a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or a related topic with equivalent coursework. Has an offer to work in a supervised marriage and family therapy practice, in which they will complete their required supervision hours. Valid for 48 months and may be renewed. A training license is required to complete the necessary supervision hours for full licensure as a marriage and family therapist. A temporary license may be granted to those who have completed all the above requirements, and fulfilled all required supervision hours, but have yet to take the exam. This license is valid for up to 9 months and may only be renewed once.	Master of Science 1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements. AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT. A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours, Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor. One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision. This experience must be completed while under a limited permit. A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience. This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.	No, Wisconsin requires completion of 3,000 hours of post-degree work experience as an MFT. An offer to work in a supervised marriage and family therapy practice, in which they will complete their required supervision hours. Plus, a training license is required to complete the necessary supervision hours for full licensure as a marriage and family therapist. A temporary license may be granted to those who have completed all the above requirements, and fulfilled all required supervision hours, but have yet to take the exam.

Wyoming	**Wyoming Mental Health Profession Licensing Board -** https://www.licensetrail.com/licenses/wyoming/licensed-marriage-and-family-therapist **Completion of the education and internship requirements for the MFT Associate designation.** **A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a COAMFTE-accredited, CACREP-MCFC-accredited program, or a program deemed substantially equivalent by the Board.** **Includes a supervised practicum.** **An applicant who does not satisfy the education requirements may be granted a provisional license provided they are deficient no more than six semester hours and have met the requirement for coursework in professional orientation or ethics, and the practicum.** **A plan was established to complete hours of work experience and supervision.** **This license is non-renewable but may be extended for good cause.** **Passed the exam approved by the board.** **Completion of 3,000 hours of post-degree supervised clinical training/work experience as an MFT.** **1,200 hours of which must be direct client contact hours.** **500 of the 1,200 hours must be direct clinical services to couples and families.** **100 hours must be directly supervised by a designated qualified clinical supervisor.**	**Master of Science** **1,500 hours of client contact experience required for licensure. According to the laws regulating Marriage and Family Therapy licensure, graduates will have up to four years after graduation from the master's degree program to meet the 1,500-hour experience requirement and pass a licensure qualifying examination to complete licensure requirements.** **AAMFTRB marriage and family therapy exam** **Completion of two years of post-degree work experience as an MFT.** **A minimum of 1,500 client contact hours,** **Must be supervised under a board-approved supervisor.** **One hour a week, or four hours a month, must be in-person individual or group supervision.** **This experience must be completed while under a limited permit.** **A limited permit is available to an individual that has completed all requirements except examination and/or post-degree supervised clinical experience.** **This license is valid for two years but may be extended for up to two additional one-year periods.**	**No, Wyoming requires Completion of 3,000 hours of post-degree supervised clinical training/work experience as an MFT.**