

This is an amendment to 16.27.22 NMAC, Sections 2, 6, 9, 10 and 11, effective 1/18/2023.

16.27.22.2 SCOPE: All individuals applying for licensure by examination as an associate marriage and family therapist.

[16.27.22.2 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006; A, 1/18/2023]

16.27.22.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of Part 10 is to state the minimum requirements for licensure by examination as an associate marriage and family therapist and list the documentation required for application.

[16.27.22.6 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006; A, 1/18/2023]

16.27.22.9 LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST (LAMFT):

A. LAMFT is intended as a transition between the required degree and the completion of supervised training required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. Work must be under appropriate clinical supervision. Applicants must assure that their education and experience are appropriate for the level of licensure. There is no time limit as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist, but all work at this level must be done under clinical supervision.

B. Qualifications for entry-level licensure by examination. An applicant for licensure by examination as an entry-level licensed associate marriage and family therapist (LAMFT) must possess the following qualifications:

- (1) be at least 21 years of age; and
- (2) applicant must sign a statement provided in the application indicating the applicant has read the code of ethics and agrees to be bound and governed by the code of ethics; and
- (3) hold a masters or doctoral degree in a counseling related field from an accredited institution; and
- (4) have arranged for appropriate clinical supervision, including a postgraduate experience plan, which includes one hour of face-to-face supervision for every ~~ten~~ five hours of client contact; and
- (5) meet the marriage and family clinical core curriculum.

[16.27.22.9 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006; A, 1/18/2023]

16.27.22.10 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION:

A. a completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC; and

B. the applicant is required to submit an official transcript in a sealed envelope from each institution contributing to the applicant's master or doctoral degree; the transcript may be submitted electronically directly by the issuing institution to the board's e-mail address, in their original and sealed envelope with the application, or mailed directly to the board office by the issuing institution. Applicants who have just graduated with an appropriate degree field, and whose degrees have not yet been conferred by their university, may submit the following documentation in while awaiting official transcripts to become available:

- ~~(i)~~ **(1)** A verification letter from a university official verifying;
- ~~(ii)~~ **(a)** their degree program;
- ~~(iii)~~ **(b)** that all courses have been completed and they have earned passing grades;
- ~~(iv)~~ **(c)** their degrees will be conferred by the university; and
- ~~(v)~~ **(2)** a receipt verifying that they have ordered their transcripts to be sent to the board office once their degree is conferred; and

C. a statement from each supervisor in a sealed envelope on a form provided by the board (attachment C) verifying the applicant has arranged for appropriate clinical supervision, supervised experience and setting forth the nature and extent of such supervision must be submitted with the application; and

D. applicant must complete and meet the marriage and family core curriculum (form D); and

E. application fee of \$75.00 as provided for in Part 17.

[16.27.22.10 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006; A, 11/30/2021; A, 1/18/2023]

16.27.22.11 EXAMINATION: Applicants for licensure by examination must demonstrate professional competency by passing the American marital and family therapy regulatory board (AMFTRB) examination. Should

the applicant fail the required examination three times, the board shall not issue another temporary license for that application for license. No prior clinical supervision or clinical hours shall be applied toward the reapplication for license. Upon passing the requisite examination, the applicant holding the temporary LAMFT shall be issued the LAMFT license so that the applicant may continue to practice under supervision and acquire the requisite clinical hours and supervision for the independent LMFT license.

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