

This is an amendment to 16.27.6 NMAC, Sections 2, 6, 9, 11 and 12, effective 1/18/2023.

**16.27.6.2 SCOPE:** All individuals applying for licensure by examination as professional marriage and family therapists.

[16.27.6.2 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.5.2, 6/15/2001; A, 1/18/2023]

**16.27.6.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 6 is to state the minimum requirements for licensure by examination as a marriage and family therapist and to list the documentation required for application.

[16.27.6.6 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.5.6, 6/15/2001; A, 1/18/2023]

**16.27.6.9 APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION:** As a marriage and family therapist (LMFT) must possess the following qualifications and provide the required documentation with the application:

- A. Age requirement. Be at least 21 years of age.
- B. 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.
- C. Hold a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution in marriage and family therapy, meets the requirements of the core curriculum in marriage and family therapy.
- D. Experience requirements.
  - (1) A minimum of two years' postgraduate marriage and family therapy experience.
  - (2) Evidence of having participated in a total of at least 1,000 hours of postgraduate marriage and family clinical client contact.
  - (3) 200 hours of appropriate postgraduate marriage and family supervision, including at least 100 hours of individual supervision. The appropriate supervision must be received from an individual who has education, clinical experience and supervisory experience in the field of marriage and family therapy.

E. Application fee of \$75.00.

[16.27.6.9 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.5.8, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006; A, 11/30/2021; A, 1/18/2023]

**16.27.6.11 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION:**

- A. A completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC.
- B. Proof of education and experience requirements:
  - (1) 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 must be submitted with the application; applicants educated in foreign institutions who are unable to submit certified official transcripts shall submit a statement explaining why such transcripts are not available and shall submit certified copies of the degree certificates granted, information on the curricula offered, and any other documentation requested by the board ~~and~~. 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:
    - (a) A verification letter from a university official verifying
      - (i) their degree program;
      - (ii) that all courses have been completed and they have earned passing grades;
      - (iii) their degrees will be conferred by the university; and
    - (b) A receipt verifying that they have ordered their transcripts to be sent to the board office once their degree is conferred;
  - (2) a statement from each supervisor in a sealed envelope on a form provided by the board (attachment B) verifying the applicant's supervised experience and setting forth the nature and extent of such supervision must be submitted with the application; the statement shall verify that the applicant's performance was in accordance with adequate counseling and therapy standards of practice; if a supervisor's statement is not available, the applicant may submit documentation explaining why the supervisor's statement is not available and sworn affidavits from other individuals verifying that supervision took place and describing the nature and the extent of the supervision;

(3) documentation of 1,000 hours of postgraduate direct client contact hours in marriage and family therapy and 200 hours of appropriate postgraduate supervision in marriage and family therapy;

(4) if an applicant has been previously licensed, registered or certified in another state, territory or foreign nation, documentation of the applicant's licensure, registration or certification status shall be submitted on form A of the application;

[16.27.6.11 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.5.10, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006; A, 11/30/2021; A, 1/18/2023]

**16.27.6.12 [LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS:]**

~~A. A completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC.~~

~~B. Verification (attachment A) that the applicant holds and has held a current independent license for two years issued by the appropriate examining board under the law of any other state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or any foreign nation.~~

~~C. Verification that the applicant is in good standing with no disciplinary action pending or brought against the applicant within the past two years.~~

~~D. Holds masters or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, counseling or a counseling-related field from an accredited institution.~~

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

~~F. Applicants who do not meet the licensure by reciprocity must meet the current licensure requirements.] [RESERVED]~~

[16.27.6.12 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.9.8&9, 6/15/2001; A, 7/1/2004; A, 2/10/2006; A, 1/15/2007; A, 11/30/2021; Repealed, 1/18/2023]