

Part 3

Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act

58-60-301 Title.

This part is known as the "Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act."

Enacted by Chapter 32, 1994 General Session

58-60-302 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part:

- (1) "Assess" means the use of diagnostic procedures, tests, and interview techniques generally accepted as standard in mental health therapy to diagnose any condition related to mental, emotional, behavioral, and social disorders or dysfunctions.
- (2) "Board" means the Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Board created in Section 58-60-303.
- (3) "Practice of marriage and family therapy" includes:
 - (a) the process of providing professional mental health therapy including psychotherapy to individuals, couples, families, or groups;
 - (b) utilizing established principles that recognize the interrelated nature of individual problems and dysfunctions in family members to assess, diagnose, and treat mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders;
 - (c) individual, premarital, relationship, marital, divorce, and family therapy;
 - (d) specialized modes of treatment for the purpose of diagnosing and treating mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, modifying interpersonal and intrapersonal dysfunction, and promoting mental health; and
 - (e) assessment utilized to develop, recommend, and implement appropriate plans of treatment, dispositions, and placement related to the functioning of the individual, couple, family, or group.

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58-60-303 Board -- Powers.

- (1) There is created the Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Board consisting of four marriage and family therapists and one member from the general public.
- (2) The board shall be appointed, serve terms, and be compensated in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- (3) The board shall:
 - (a) comply with the provisions of Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203;
 - (b) designate one of its members on a permanent or rotating basis to assist the division in review of complaints concerning unlawful or unprofessional practice by a licensee in the respective profession regulated by the board, and to advise the division with respect to the conduct of investigations of the complaints; and
 - (c) disqualify any member from acting as presiding officer in any administrative procedure in which that member has previously reviewed the complaint or advised the division.

Amended by Chapter 159, 2000 General Session

58-60-304 License classifications.

The division shall issue licenses to individuals qualified under this part in the classification of:

- (1) marriage and family therapist; or
- (2) associate marriage and family therapist.

Amended by Chapter 214, 2010 General Session

58-60-305 Qualifications for licensure.

- (1) All applicants for licensure as marriage and family therapists shall:
 - (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
 - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) be of good moral character;
 - (d) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of a masters or doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy from:
 - (i) a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education; or
 - (ii) an accredited institution meeting criteria for approval established by rule under Section 58-1-203;
 - (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of marriage and family therapy training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203:
 - (i) in not less than two years;
 - (ii) under the supervision of a marriage and family therapist supervisor who meets the requirements of Section 58-60-307;
 - (iii) obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(d); and
 - (iv) including a minimum of two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course that the division designates as approved;
 - (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement described in Subsection (1)(d)(i) or (1)(d)(ii), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training described in Subsection (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the supervised hours were obtained during direct, personal supervision by a marriage and family therapist supervisor qualified under Section 58-60-307, as defined by rule; and
 - (g) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section 58-1-203.
- (2)
 - (a) All applicants for licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist shall comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), and (d).
 - (b) An individual's license as an associate marriage and family therapist is limited to the period of time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(e) and (f) and extends not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the appropriate board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing of the qualifying examination for that profession or is otherwise on a course reasonably expected to lead to licensure, but the period of time under this Subsection (2)(b) may not exceed two years past the date the minimum supervised clinical training requirement has been completed.

Amended by Chapter 77, 2015 General Session

58-60-305.5 Qualification for licensure before May 1, 2000.

- (1) A person who was licensed under this chapter as of May 1, 2000, may apply for renewal of licensure without being required to fulfill the educational requirements described in Subsection 58-60-305(1)(d).
- (2) A person who seeks licensure under this chapter before July 1, 2002, need comply only with the licensure requirements in effect before May 1, 2000.

Amended by Chapter 183, 2009 General Session

58-60-306 Qualifications for admission to examination.

All applicants for admission to any examination qualifying an individual for licensure under this part shall:

- (1) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
- (2) pay the fee established for the examination; and
- (3) certify under penalty of perjury as evidenced by notarized signature on the application for admission to the examination that the applicant has completed the education requirement and been awarded the earned degree required for licensure.

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58-60-307 Marriage and family therapist supervisors -- Qualifications.

- (1) Each person acting as a marriage and family therapist supervisor shall:
 - (a) have at least two years of clinical experience as a marriage and family therapist since the date of first licensure as a marriage and family therapist; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) be approved as a supervisor by a national marriage and family therapist professional organization; or
 - (ii) meet the criteria established by rule.
- (2) Persons who act as a supervisor without meeting the requirements of this section are subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct.

Amended by Chapter 40, 2001 General Session

58-60-308 Scope of practice -- Limitations.

- (1) A licensed marriage and family therapist may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of marriage and family therapy without supervision, in private and independent practice, or as an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's education, training, and competence.
- (2)
 - (a) To the extent an individual has completed the educational requirements of Subsection 58-60-305(1)(d), a licensed associate marriage and family therapist may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of marriage and family therapy if the practice is:
 - (i) within the scope of employment as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist with a public agency or a private clinic as defined by division rule; and
 - (ii) under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist who is qualified as a supervisor under Section 58-60-307.

(b) A licensed associate marriage and family therapist may not engage in the independent practice of marriage and family therapy.

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