

LCB File No. T025-01

ADOPTED TEMPORARY REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

(Effective February 22, 2001)

Proposed changes to Chapter 641A of the Nevada Administrative code. New language is underlined; deleted wording is italicized and in brackets.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000:

641A.075 Degrees from accredited insitutuions; exception. For the purposes of qualifying for licensure, each applicant's undergraduate and graduate degrees must be from an institution which has been accredited by a recognized regional accrediting organization [or has educational and training experience deemed equivalent by the board.]

641A.095 Required areas of study.

1. To qualify for licensure, an applicant's graduate education in marriage and family therapy must include the following areas of study:

Table with 4 columns: Area of Study, Minimum Number of Courses, Minimum Numbers of Semester Hours of Credit, Minimum Numbers of Quarter Hours of Credit. Rows include Human Development, Marital & Family Systems, Marital & Family Therapy, Ethics & Professional Studies, Supervised Clinical Practice, Research, and Abuse of Alcohol or Controlled Substances.

641.117 Continuing Education Requirements:

- 1. Every licensed marriage and family therapist shall accumulate a minimum of 40 continuing education units every two years. This amount may include up to a maximum of six (6) hours of home study as approved by the board.
2. The executive director of the board may periodically audit a licensee's compliance with this continuing education requirement.

3. A licensee's failure to fully comply with the continuing education requirement is grounds for disciplinary action.

641A.146 Experience required for license; written reports from supervisor Except as otherwise provided in NAC 641A.111, before an applicant is eligible for licensure as a therapist, he must complete at least 3,000 hours of experience in an approved internship, including 300 hours under the direct supervision of a Board-approved Supervisor. The program to provide the experience must be:

- (a) Approved by the board before the applicant begins the program; *[and]*
- (b) Completed within a minimum of 6 years after the board approves the program *[and]*
- (c) Structured in such a way that an intern's client contact hours do not exceed 20 hours per week to be applied toward internship hours.

The composition of these required hours must meet Board approval. The Registered Intern must perform the following activities in order to fulfill the requirements:

- A minimum of 1500 direct client contact hours, performed after applicant has become a Registered Intern.
- 300 hours of supervision, including a minimum of 160 provided by an Approved supervisor, and a minimum of 40 hours provided by a secondary supervisor(s).

The remaining required hours may be met in the same way, up to the required minimum total hours; or the following activities may be submitted for consideration by the Board as fulfillment of the requirements:

- a maximum of 300 hours as a group facilitator
- a maximum of 150 hours of personal therapy, documented by a licensed mental health therapist
- a maximum of 200 hour of documented teaching by the intern in such formats as parent education, family education, workshops, or similar teaching activities, to be agree upon by the Primary Supervisor.
- a maximum of 50 hours, documented, in additional training, such as university graduate work, a pre-approved workshop, or other training/education activities agreed upon by the Primary Supervisor
- a maximum of 500 hours of direct client contact, performed in a graduate program of study, documented, with supervision of at least 100 hours provided by a University supervisor.

641A.182 Supervisors: Qualifications

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a supervisor of an intern must be a therapist and offer evidence to the board of his training or experience, or both, which qualifies him to supervise.
2. In extenuating circumstances the board may approve as a secondary supervisor a person who is a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker who has received training supervision.
3. Each supervisor must:
 - (a) Have been licensed for at least 3 years [and be approved as an AAMFT Supervisor, or be a Supervisor-in-Training, by 1/1/2000](#)
 - (b) Be related to the intern by no closer than the fourth degree of consanguinity
 - (c) Have never professionally provided mental health care to the intern
 - (d) Agree to be available to consult with the board concerning the professional record, competence in clinical practice, emotional and mental stability or professional and ethical conduct of the intern.

641A.252 Adoption by reference of Code of Ethics

1. The board hereby adopts by reference the Code of Ethics of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy as it existed on *[January 12, 1996]* [July 1, 1998](#), as a standard for professional conduct in the State of Nevada excluding those provisions which apply exclusively to the American Association for marriage and Family Therapy. A violation of the provision of the code constitutes cause for disciplinary action.
2. The Code of Ethics of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy is available from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy *[1100 17th Street NW, Tenth Floor]*, [1133 15th Street, NW Suite 300](#) Washington, D.C. *[20036]* [2005-2710](#). The first copy is provided at no cost [and may be requested by calling \(202\)-432-0109](#).

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY REGULATION

On October 22, 1999, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners adopted regulations that are attached hereto. In February 2001, the regulations were filed with the Secretary of State as temporary regulations that will expire on November 1, 2001.

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT
FOR THE ADOPTED TEMPORARY REGULATIONS OF THE
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST EXAMINERS**

The following statement is submitted for the adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 641A.

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law, the Board posted its notices of the workshop to be held on January 21, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A draft of the proposed regulations was available at the workshop and was discussed by the Board. No members of the public were present or offered comments.

On September 22, 1999, the Board posted its notices of the public hearing for the adoption of amendments of the regulations in NAC 641A to be held on October 22, 1999. On that date, the public hearing was held in Reno, Nevada. The draft regulations were amended and adopted by the Board. No members of the public were present or offered comments.

The adopted regulations were sent to the State Library and to each of the seventeen county libraries.

2. The number of persons who:

- a. Attended from the public:** 0;
- b. Testified at the hearing:** 0;
- c. Submitted written comments to the Board:** 0.

3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited as described in item 1 above.

4. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

Not applicable.

5. The estimated economic effect of the regulations on the business that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

a. Both adverse and beneficial effects; and

b. Both immediate and long-term effects.

a. The adverse economic effects of the regulations include the added cost to the licensee of the additional academic credits required for licensure, the added cost of the additional continuing education credits required to maintain the license, and the added cost of the additional hours of internship training required for licensure.

The beneficial effect of the regulations includes raising the competency level of persons seeking licensure as therapists, maintaining a higher level of competency of licensed therapists, and raising the competency level of supervisors, all of which potentially increase the value of the service received by clients.

b. A potential immediate and long-term economic effect on the business and the public could be the passing on to clients of some or all of the additional costs through an increase in fees charged for counseling services.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the agency for the enforcement of this regulation.

7. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

There are no other state or government agency regulations that the proposed regulations duplicate or overlap.

8. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

The proposed regulations are not more stringent than any known federal regulations. The Board is not aware of any federal regulations on the subject of the proposed regulations.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The proposed regulations do not provide for any new fees.