

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

LCB File No. R091-14

**PROPOSED REGULATIONS
FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE
FOR QUALIFIED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
FOR THE ASSESSMENT OR TREATMENT OF COUPLES AND FAMILIES
PER SB 155**

Insert under NAC 641A *Qualifications of applicant: Certification for licensed Clinical Professional Counselors and Clinical Professional Counselor Interns for the assessment or treatment of couples and families. (NRS 641A.160, NRS 641A.180, NRS 641A.065)*

1. *To be certified to assess or treat couples and families as a licensed clinical professional counselor or clinical professional counselor intern, an applicant must:*
 - a. *Apply for an expansion of scope of practice to work with couples and families; and*
 - b. *Demonstrate competency to work with couples and families.*
2. *To be certified to assess or treat couples and families as a licensed clinical professional counselor or clinical professional counselor intern, an applicant may demonstrate competency by:*
 - (a) *Completing the following minimum coursework;*

<i>Area of Study</i>	<i>Min. Number Courses</i>	<i>Min. Number Semester Hours</i>	<i>Min. Number Quarter Hours</i>
<i>Marital and Family Studies (Couple & Family Development/Dynamics)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Systems Theory/Systemic Therapy Approach</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Couples Counseling</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Family Counseling</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Ethical & Legal Issues in Marriage and Family Counseling</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Assessment & Diagnosis with Couples & Families</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>

- (1) *With the following exceptions:*
 - i. *Applicants with a graduate degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from a CACREP-accredited Marriage and Family Counseling program may waive the coursework requirements;*

ii. Applicants with a graduate degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from a CACREP-accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling program after 2009 may waive the Systems Theory/Systemic Therapy Approach Area of Study requirement.

(b) Completing the following supervised training or experience; and

(1) Minimum of 500 supervised face-to-face hours counseling couples and families with 100 hours of supervision.

i. Supervision must be provided by a supervisor trained and qualified to assess and treat couples and families.

ii. Supervision must be provided by supervisor qualified to provide supervision in the assessment and treatment of couples and families by:

a. An AAMFT Approved supervisor; or

b. A state approved marriage and family therapy primary supervisor; or

c. A licensed Marriage and Family Therapist specifically designated/approved by the Board to supervise Clinical Professional Counselors seeking the expansion of their scope of practice; or

d. A licensed Clinical Professional Counselor specifically designated/approved by the Board to supervise Clinical Professional Counselors seeking the expansion of their scope of practice.

(c) Passing the national marriage and family therapy examination sponsored by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards.

2. A marriage and family therapy intern who has not passed the national marriage and family therapy licensing examination within a 6 year internship may not be deemed competent to treat couples and families through licensure as a Clinical Professional Counselor Intern or Clinical Professional Counselor with an expansion of scope to assess and treat couples and families.