

LCB File No. R053-01

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

(This proposed regulation was previously adopted as LCB File No. T025-01)

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

641A.075 Degrees from accredited institutions; 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 (Including Sexual Issues), Marital & Family Systems, Marital & Family Therapy, Ethics & Professional Studies, Supervised Clinical Practice (including Diagnosis), 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Tenth Floor], 1133 15<sup>th</sup> 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*.