

**BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, AND  
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING  
MEETING AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 22, 2020  
8:00 A.M. EST**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Roll Call

**II. RULES DISCUSSION**

- A. 64B4-3.001, Application for Licensure for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants
- B. 64B4-3.0075, Provisional Licensure
- C. 64B4-3.0085, Intern Registration
- D. 64B4-3.009, Limited Licenses
- E. 64B4-3.010, Marriage and Family Therapy Dual Licensure
- F. 64B4-2.002, Definition of "Experience" for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling
- G. 64B4-2.0025, Duties of a Qualified Supervisor
- H. 64B4-3.003, Examination for Licensure
- I. 64B4-6.007, Reapproval of Continuing Education Providers
- J. 64B4-22.110, MFT Course Content

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Annual Regulatory Plan

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**



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THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE  
**JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE  
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August 28, 2020

Mr. Timothy Frizzell  
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PL-01, The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

**RE: Department of Health: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family  
Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
Proposed Rules 64B4-3.001, .0075, .0085, .009, and .010**

Dear Mr. Frizzell:

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed rules, which were advertised in the Florida Administrative Register on August 20, 2020. I have the following comments.

**64B4-3.001:** This rule incorporates by reference Form DH-MQA 1174, Application for Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor by Examination, revised 7/20.

Form DH-MQA 1174:

Page 3, Equal Opportunity Data: It appears that "43 CFR 38295 and 38296" should be "43 FR 38295 and 38296."

**64B4-3.0075:** This rule incorporates by reference Form DH-MQA 1176, Application for Provisional Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor, revised 7/20.

Form DH-MQA 1176:

Page 2, Equal Opportunity Data: It appears that "43 CFR 38295 and 38296" should be "43 FR 38295 and 38296."

**64B4-3.0085(1):** This rule incorporates by reference Form DH-MQA 1175, Application for Licensure as Registered Intern for Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy or Mental Health Counseling, revised 7/20.

It appears that the application's title should not refer to "Licensure." Interns are registered, not licensed, pursuant to section 491.0045.

Form DH-MQA 1175:

Page 2, Equal Opportunity Data: It appears that "43 CFR 38295 and 38296" should be "43 FR 38295 and 38296."

**64B4-3.0085(6):** This rule incorporates by reference Form HD5044-MQA, Supervision Plan Form for Registered Clinical Social Work Interns, revised 2/20.

Form HD5044-MQA:

The paragraph above the line to be signed by the qualified supervisor requires the supervisor to "affirm" that he or she has been approved as a qualified supervisor. An affirmation is equivalent to an oath and statutory authority is therefore required. *See* Art. I, § 18, Fla. Const.; § 120.54(1)(e), Fla. Stat. *See* §§ 1.01(5), 92.52, Fla. Stat. Further, this affirmation appears to be unenforceable because it is not taken before a person authorized to administer oaths. Please revise this paragraph or explain why revision is not required.

"Florida Administrative Codes" should be "Florida Administrative Code."

**64B4-3.0085(8):** This rule incorporates by reference Form HD5045-MQA, Graduate-Level Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience Verification Form – Marriage and Family Therapy, revised 2/20.

Form HD5045-MQA:

Supervisor Affirmation: Please correct "Rule 64B4-2" to "Rule Chapter 64B4-2."

This paragraph refers to section 491.005(3)(b)1.d. and includes a quotation from the statute. That statute no longer exists. Please amend this form.

**64B4-3.0085(9):** This rule incorporates by reference Form HD5047-MQA, Graduate-Level Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience Verification Form – Mental Health Counseling, revised 2/20.

Form HD5047-MQA:

Page 2, Equal Opportunity Data: It appears that "43 CFR 38295 and 38296" should be "43 FR 38295 and 38296."

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**64B4-3.009(2):** This rule incorporates by reference Form DH-MQA 1178, Application for Limited Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor, revised 7/20.

Form DH-MQA 1178:

Page 2, Equal Opportunity Data: It appears that “43 CFR 38295 and 38296” should be “43 FR 38295 and 38296.”

**64B4-3.010:** This rule incorporates by reference Form DH-MQA 1177, Application for Dual Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist, revised 7/20.

Form DH-MQA 1177:

Page 2, Equal Opportunity Data: It appears that “43 CFR 38295 and 38296” should be “43 FR 38295 and 38296.”

Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marjorie C. Holladay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "M" and "H".

Marjorie C. Holladay  
Chief Attorney

cc: Mr. Edward A. Tellechea, Chief Assistant Attorney General

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September 8, 2020

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Re: **Department of Health: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
Proposed Rules 64B4-3.001, .0075, .0085, .009, and .010**

Dear Ms. Holladay:

The Board of Clinical Social work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling ("Board") is in receipt of your August 26, 2020 letter, which included comments regarding the Board's proposed rules 64B4-3.001, .0075, .0085, .009, and .010, F.A.C. I offer the following response to same.

**64B4-3.001:** I agree with your suggested change and will proceed accordingly.

**64B4-3.0075:** I agree with your suggested change and will proceed accordingly.

**64B4-3.0085(1):** I agree with your suggested change and I've requested that the form be updated to remove the word "Licensure" from the title. I will proceed accordingly with the updated for and necessary changes to the proposed rule.

**64B4-3.0085(6):** I agree with your suggested change and have requested that the form be updated to change the word "affirm" to "state" and to correct the form to properly refer to "Florida Administrative Code." I will proceed accordingly with the proposed changes.

**64B4-3.0085(8):** I agree with your suggested change and have requested that the form be updated to reflect same. New proposed language to amend the Supervisor Affirmation paragraph will be taken before the Board to propose new language to remove reference to section 491.005(3)(b)1.d, Florida Statutes. I will proceed accordingly with the proposed changes.

**64B4-3.0085(9):** I agree with your suggested change and will proceed accordingly.

**64B4-3.009(2):** I agree with your suggested change and will proceed accordingly.

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**64B4-3.010:** I agree with your suggested change and will proceed accordingly.

Please let me know if this does not address your concern and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s Timothy Frizzell*

Timothy Frizzell

Assistant Attorney General

cc: Edward Tellechea, Bureau Chief  
Janet Hartman, Executive Director  
Tracy Smith, Paralegal Specialist

**64B4-3.001 Application for Licensure for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants.**

Every applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor shall submit to the Board a completed application on Form DH-MQA 1174, Application for Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor by Examination (revised ~~7/2020~~<sup>11/18</sup>), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10300>, or the web at <http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources>. The application shall be accompanied with the application fee and the initial licensure fee.

(1) - (2) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0635, 491.005, 491.006, 491.0065 FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 1-28-91, 11-3-92, Formerly 21CC-3.001, 61F4-3.001, Amended 11-13-96, Formerly 59P-3.001, Amended 6-8-09, 2-24-10, 4-4-13, 5-12-16, 9-1-16, 8-7-18, 3-18-19, \_\_\_\_\_.

**64B4-3.0075 Provisional Licensure.**

(1) No Change.

(2) An applicant seeking a provisional license must submit a completed application to the Board on Form DH-MQA 1176, Application for Provisional Licensure Application as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist, or Mental Health Counselor (Revised ~~7/2020~~1/18), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-40291>, or the Board office at 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258. The application shall be accompanied by the application fee specified in rule 64B4-4.014, F.A.C., which is non-refundable.

(3) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 491.004(5), 491.0046 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0635, 491.0046 FS. History—New 6-8-09, Amended 2-13-17, 2-27-19,\_\_\_\_\_.

### **64B4-3.0085 Intern Registration**

(1) An individual who intends to practice in Florida to satisfy the post-master's experience must register as an intern by submitting a completed application to the Board on Form DH-MQA 1175, Intern Registration Application Application for ~~Licensure Registration~~ as a Registered Intern for Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy or Mental Health Counseling (Revised 07/2011/18), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10293>, or the web at [www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources](http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources). The application shall be accompanied by the application fee specified in rule 64B4-4.015, F.A.C., which is non-refundable.

(2) - (3) No change.

(4) Experience obtained under the supervision of ~~a the new~~ qualified supervisor will not count toward completion of the experience requirement until the registered intern has received board approval of ~~the their new~~ qualified supervisor.

(5) A registered intern must complete all hours associated with their clinical practicum, either through their graduate program or under the supervision of a qualified supervisor, before any hours completed toward the registered intern's experience requirement may be counted.

(6) Form HD5044-MQA, Supervision Plan Form for Registered Clinical Social Work Interns (Revised 02/20), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->, or on the web at [www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources](http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources), may be submitted by a qualified supervisor as an acceptable supervision plan for meeting the clinical practicum hours required for licensure if not otherwise satisfied by the individuals' graduate program.

(7) Form HD5046-MQA, Graduate-Level Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience Verification Form – Clinical Social Work (Revised 02/20), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->, or on the web at [www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources](http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources), must be submitted by a qualified supervisor on behalf of the Clinical Social Work registered intern upon completion of the practicum, internship, or field work required for licensure when not satisfied by the individuals' graduate program.

(8) Form HD5045-MQA, Graduate-Level Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience Verification Form – Marriage and Family Therapy (Revised 02/20), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->, or on the web at [www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources](http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources), must be submitted by a qualified supervisor on behalf of the Marriage and Family Therapist registered intern upon completion of the practicum, internship, or field work required for licensure when not satisfied by the individuals' graduate program.

(9) Form HD5047-MQA, Graduate-Level Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience Verification Form – Mental Health Counseling (Revised 02/20), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->, or on the web at [www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources](http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources), must be submitted by a qualified supervisor on behalf of the Mental Health Counseling registered intern upon completion of the practicum, internship, or field work required for licensure when not satisfied by the individual's graduate program.





# Application for Registration as a Registered Intern for Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy or Mental Health Counseling



**Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and  
Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling**  
P.O. Box 6330

**Tallahassee, FL 32314-6330**

**Website: [www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov](http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov)**

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## 2. SOCIAL SECURITY DISCLOSURE

**This information is exempt from public records disclosure.**

Pursuant to Title 42 United States Code § 666(a)(13), the department is required and authorized to collect Social Security numbers relating to applications for professional licensure. Additionally, section (s.) 456.013(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the collection of Social Security numbers as part of the general licensing provisions.

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Middle Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Input without dashes)

**Social Security Information-** \* Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of Social Security numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by federal statute. In this instance, Social Security numbers are mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code § 653 and 654; and s. 456.013(1), 409.2577, and 409.2598, F.S. Social Security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to ensure compliance with child support obligations. Social Security numbers must also be recorded on all professional and occupational license applications and will be used for license identification pursuant to Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act. 104 Pub. L. Section 317). Clarification of the SSA process may be reviewed at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or by calling 1-800-772-1213.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. APPLICANT BACKGROUND**

List any other name(s) by which you have been known in the past. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. DISASTER**

Would you be willing to provide health services in special needs shelters or to help staff disaster medical assistance teams during times of emergency or major disaster?  Yes  No

**5. EDUCATION HISTORY**

**Complete the appropriate education worksheet for your profession, found at the back of the application. The completed worksheet must be included with your application.**

A. List all schools where you completed coursework in specific content areas to receive a master’s or doctoral degree in the profession for which you are applying. All schools listed below must be consistent with the schools provided on the education worksheet for your profession.

| School Name | Major | Degree Conferred Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Degree Awarded (if applicable) |
|-------------|-------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|             |       |                                    |                                |
|             |       |                                    |                                |
|             |       |                                    |                                |
|             |       |                                    |                                |

Applicants must request an official transcript from the accredited educational institution(s) from which you received your degree or have taken coursework. **The transcript must be sent directly to the board office from the registrar’s office of the institution and include a degree conferred date or it will not be considered official.** Transcripts may be sent via email if the institution can send official digital transcripts using a secure transcript clearinghouse or parchment service. The transcript download link can be sent directly to [info@mentalhealthprofessions.gov](mailto:info@mentalhealthprofessions.gov).

**If the course title on your transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, a course description or syllabus will be required.**

B. **For clinical social work applicants only:** Were you an advanced standing student?  Yes  No

**If “Yes,”** you must provide a letter on university letterhead from an official of the school which awarded your master’s degree in social work, verifying the specific courses and number of semester hours completed at the baccalaureate level which were used to waive or exempt completion of similar courses at the graduate level.

**The following documentation is required for proof of Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience:**

An official of the school (Dean, Department Chair) that awarded your graduate degree must provide a letter on university letterhead verifying that the supervised practicum, internship, or field experience was completed. Specific requirements for your profession can be found on the appropriate education worksheet for your profession.

**Documentation must be sent to the board office at [info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov](mailto:info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov), or by mail to:**

**Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy,  
and Mental Health Counseling**  
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants educated outside the United States or Canada:**

*Any document in a language other than English must be translated into English by a board-approved translation/ education evaluation service. Accepted evaluators can be found at <https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/forms/foreign-cred-evaluators.pdf>.*

**Clinical Social Work-** If you received your social work degree from a program outside the U.S. or Canada, documentation must be received that the program was determined to be equivalent to programs approved by the Council on Social Work Education by the International Social Work Degree Recognition and Evaluation Service provided by the Office of Social Work Accreditation (OSWA). To contact the OSWA, please visit [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org) or call (703) 683-8080.

**Marriage and Family/Mental Health Counseling-** For the board to consider education completed outside the U.S. or Canada, documentation must be received which verifies the institution at which the education was completed was equivalent to an accredited U.S. institution and the coursework met the content and credit hour requirement for graduate level coursework in the U.S. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain an evaluation from a recognized foreign equivalency determination service that documents the acceptability of the coursework. The board office must receive an original evaluation mailed directly from the educational evaluation service.

**6. SUPERVISOR INFORMATION**

List all qualified supervisor(s) who will be providing individual and/or group supervision. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

| Supervisor Name | License Title | Florida License Number | Year Licensed (YYYY) |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                 |               |                        |                      |
|                 |               |                        |                      |
|                 |               |                        |                      |
|                 |               |                        |                      |

**Each** supervisor listed must submit written correspondence that states that the supervisor has agreed to provide you with supervision while you are a registered intern. Correspondence must come **directly** from the supervisor, and may be sent by fax to 850-413-6982, or by email to [info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov](mailto:info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov).

**Applications will not be deemed complete until all supervisor(s) have provided correspondence confirming their agreement to supervise you as an intern.**

**This information is exempt from public records disclosure.**

**7. HEALTH HISTORY**

**Physical and Mental Health Disorders Impacting Ability to Practice**

- A. During the last two years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed physical or mental disorder that impaired or would impair your ability to practice?  Yes  No
- B. In the last two years, have you been admitted or referred to a hospital, facility or impaired practitioner program for treatment of a diagnosed mental or physical disorder that impaired your ability to practice?  Yes  No

**Substance-Related Disorders Impacting Ability to Practice**

- C. During the last five years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol or drug) disorder that impaired or would impair your ability to practice?  Yes  No
- D. During the last five years, were you admitted or directed into a program for the treatment of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol or drug) disorder or, if you were previously in such a program, did you suffer a relapse?  Yes  No
- E. During the last five years, have you been enrolled in, required to enter, or participated in any substance-related (alcohol or drug) recovery program or impaired practitioner program for treatment of drug or alcohol abuse?  Yes  No

**If a “Yes” response was provided to any of the questions in this section, provide the following documents directly to the board office:**

**A letter from a Licensed Health Care Practitioner**, who is qualified by skill and training to address the condition identified, which explains the impact the condition may have on the ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety. The letter must specify that the applicant is safe to practice the profession without restrictions or specifically indicate the restrictions that are necessary. Documentation provided must be dated within one year of the application date.

**A written self-explanation**, identifying the medical condition(s) or occurrence(s); and current status.

**8. DISCIPLINE HISTORY**

- A. Have you ever been denied a psychotherapy or counseling-related license or the renewal thereof in any state?  Yes  No
- B. Have you ever been denied the right to take a psychotherapy or counseling-related licensure examination?  Yes  No
- C. Have you ever had a license to practice any profession revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against in a disciplinary proceeding in any state?  Yes  No
- D. Is there currently pending, in any jurisdiction, a complaint or investigation against your professional conduct or competency?  Yes  No
- E. Have you ever been involved in, reprimanded for or disciplined by an employer or educational institution for misconduct including fraud, misrepresentation, academic misconduct, theft or sexual harassment?  Yes  No

If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, complete the following:

| Name of Agency | State | Action Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Final Action | Under Appeal?   |
|----------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
|                |       |                          |              | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
|                |       |                          |              | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
|                |       |                          |              | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
|                |       |                          |              | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |

If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you must provide the following:

- A written self-explanation, describing in detail the circumstances surrounding the disciplinary action.
- A copy of the Administrative Complaint and Final Order.

**9. CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Have you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or no contest to any crime in any jurisdiction other than a minor traffic offense? You must include all misdemeanors and felonies, even if adjudication was withheld.

Reckless driving, driving while license suspended or revoked (DWSLR), driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while impaired (DWI) are not minor traffic offenses for purposes of this question.  Yes  No

If you responded "Yes," complete the following:

| Offense | Jurisdiction | Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Final Disposition | Under Appeal?   |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
|         |              |                   |                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
|         |              |                   |                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
|         |              |                   |                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |

If you responded "Yes" in this section, you must provide the following:

- A written self-explanation, describing in detail the circumstances surrounding each offense; including dates, city and state, charges and final results.
- Final Dispositions and Arrest Records for all offenses. The Clerk of the Court in the arresting jurisdiction will provide you with these documents. Unavailability of these documents must come in the form of a letter from the Clerk of the Court.
- Completion of Sentence Documents. You may obtain documents from the Department of Corrections. The report must include the start date, end date, and that the conditions were met.

**10. CRIMINAL AND MEDICAID/MEDICARE FRAUD QUESTIONS**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Applicants for licensure, certification, or registration and candidates for examination may be excluded from licensure, certification, or registration if their felony convictions fall into certain timeframes as established in s. 456.0635(2), F.S.

1. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, to a felony under chapter (ch.) 409, F.S. (relating to social and economic assistance), ch. 817, F.S. (relating to fraudulent practices), ch. 893, F.S. (relating to drug abuse prevention and control), or a similar felony offense(s) in another state or jurisdiction?  Yes  No

**If you responded “No” to the question above, skip to question 2.**

- a. If “Yes” to 1, for the felonies of the first or second degree, has it been more than 15 years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of any subsequent probation?  Yes  No
  - b. If “Yes” to 1, for the felonies of the third degree, has it been more than ten years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of subsequent probation (this question does not apply to felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), F.S.)?  Yes  No
  - c. If “Yes” to 1, for the felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), F.S., has it been more than five years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of any subsequent probation?  Yes  No
  - d. If “Yes” to 1, have you successfully completed a drug court program that resulted in the plea for the felony offense being withdrawn or the charges dismissed (if “Yes,” provide supporting documentation)?  Yes  No
2. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, to a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 (relating to public health, welfare, Medicare and Medicaid issues)?  Yes  No

**If you responded “No” to the question above, skip to question 3.**

- a. If “Yes” to 2, has it been more than 15 years before the date of application since the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended?  Yes  No
3. Have you ever been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program pursuant to s. 409.913, F.S.?  Yes  No

**If you responded “No” to the question above, skip to question 4.**

- a. If you have been terminated but reinstated, have you been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid Program for the most recent five years?  Yes  No
4. Have you ever been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program?  Yes  No

**If you responded “No” to the question above, skip to question 5.**

- a. Have you been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent five years?  Yes  No
- b. Did termination occur at least 20 years before the date of this application?  Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE)?  Yes  No
- a. If you responded "Yes" to the question above, are you listed because you defaulted or are delinquent on a student loan?  Yes  No
- b. If you responded "Yes" to question 5.a., is the student loan default or delinquency the only reason you are listed on the LEIE?  Yes  No

**If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you must provide the following:**

- A written explanation** for each question including the county and state of each termination or conviction, date of each termination or conviction, and copies of supporting documentation.
- Supporting documentation** including court dispositions or agency orders where applicable.

**Documentation for sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 must be sent to the board office at [info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov](mailto:info@floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov), or by mail to:**

**Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy,  
and Mental Health Counseling**  
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258

## 11. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, state that I am the person identified in this application for licensure in the state of Florida.

I understand that providing false information may result in disciplinary action against my license or criminal penalties pursuant to s. 456.067 and 775.083, F.S.

I acknowledge that Florida law requires me to immediately inform the board of any material change in any circumstances or condition stated in the application which takes place between the initial filing and the final granting or denial of the license and to supplement the information on this application as needed.

I acknowledge that I have read the regulations in ch. 491, F.S., and related rules. I understand that I am under a continuing obligation to keep informed of any changes to ch. 491, F.S., and related rules.

Section 456.013(1)(a), F.S., provides that an incomplete application shall expire one year after the initial filing with the department.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*You may print this application and sign it or sign digitally.* MM/DD/YYYY

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**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK  
EDUCATION WORKSHEET FOR INTERN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

You are required to complete 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours of graduate level coursework in theory of human behavior, and practice methods as courses in clinically oriented services within an accredited school of social work program. (Only one research course may be counted towards the coursework requirement). Do **not** list fieldwork.

Course numbers and titles should be listed as they appear on your official transcripts. **You must submit a course description photocopied from a school catalog, or a course syllabus for all courses listed below.**

If you were admitted to an advanced standing program, an official of the school which awarded your master's degree in social work must provide a letter on university letterhead, verifying the specific courses completed at the baccalaureate level which were used to waive or exempt completion of similar courses at the graduate level.

| School Name | Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
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**2. PSYCHOPATHOLOGY**

List the graduate level psychopathology course you completed within an accredited school of social work program. You must submit a course description photocopied from a school catalog, or a course syllabus for the course listed.

| School Name | Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
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**3. ADVANCED SUPERVISED FIELD PLACEMENT**

You are required to complete a supervised field placement which was part of your advanced concentration in direct practice, during which you provided clinical services directly to clients. An official of the school (Dean, Department Chair) which awarded your graduate degree must provide a letter on university letterhead verifying:

1. that the supervised field placement was completed during the master's or doctorate program; and
2. the setting in which you provided clinical services directly to clients.

| School Name | Course Number | Advanced Supervised Field Placement Course Title | Field Placement Dates: From-To (MM/DD/YYYY) |
|-------------|---------------|--|---|
|             |               |  | to  |

**Submit worksheet with your application.**

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**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
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If you graduated from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), check the box verifying your degree. You will not be required to verify your coursework.

I graduated from a COAMFTE accredited program.

If you graduated from a counseling program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP), complete the coursework information below.

**1. COURSEWORK VERIFICATION**

You must indicate the graduate level course(s) you completed that satisfy the educational requirement in the content areas listed. Course numbers and titles should be listed as they appear on your official transcripts. If the course title on your transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, a course description or syllabus may be required.

**Each of the following content areas must have a minimum of three semester hours or four quarter hours in graduate level coursework.**

| Content Area   | School Name | Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Dynamics of Marriage and Family Systems</i>                         | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Marriage Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques</i>           | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Family Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques</i>             | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Individual Human Development Theories Throughout the Life Cycle</i> | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Personality Theory or General Counseling Theory and Techniques</i>  | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Psychopathology</i>   | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Human Sexuality Theory and Counseling Techniques</i>                | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Psychosocial Theory</i>   | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |
| <i>Substance Abuse Theory and Counseling Techniques</i>                | 1.          |               |              |              |
|  | 2.          |               |              |              |

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**The following courses must be a minimum of one graduate-level course of three semester hours or four quarter hours.**

| <b>Content Area</b>  | <b>School Name</b> | <b>Course Number</b> | <b>Course Title</b> | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Legal, Ethical, Professional Standards Issues in the Practice of Marriage &amp; Family Therapy</i>                                    |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Diagnosis, Appraisal, Assessment, and Testing for Individual or Interpersonal Disorder or Dysfunction</i>                             |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Behavioral Research (Course must focus on the interpretation and application of research data as it applies to clinical practice)</i> |                    |                      |                     |                     |

**Submit worksheet with your application.**

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**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING  
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If the program you graduated from was not accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) **or** if the program you graduated from was a CACREP accredited program that was not mental health counseling, then **sections 1, 2, and 3 apply to you.** (There are CACREP accredited programs in community counseling; marital, couple, and family counseling; and school counseling, for example.) If you graduated from a CACREP **clinical mental health counseling/mental health counseling program**, then **only section 4** applies to you.

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Your overall degree program must be a minimum of 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours. Within the degree program, you will be required to complete three semester hours or four quarter hours of individualized graduate level coursework at an accredited educational institution in each of the content areas listed below. Course numbers and titles should be listed as they appear on your official transcripts. **If the course title on your transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, a course description or syllabus will be required.**

**2. COURSEWORK VERIFICATION**

You must indicate below the graduate level course you completed that satisfies the education requirement in the specific content area. You must have a **minimum of three semester hours or four quarter hours** to satisfy each content area. To qualify for mental health counseling intern registration, you must have completed a **minimum of seven** of the required course content areas below, one of which must be a course in psychopathology or abnormal psychology. Refer to Section 491.005(4).

| <b>Content Area</b>                                | <b>School Name</b> | <b>Course Number</b> | <b>Course Title</b> | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Counseling Theories and Practice</i>            |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Human Growth and Development</i>                |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychopathology</i>  |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Human Sexuality</i>                             |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Group Theories and Practice</i>                 |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Individual Evaluation and Assessment</i>        |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Career and Lifestyle Assessment</i>             |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Research and Program Evaluation</i>             |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Social and Cultural Foundations</i>             |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Substance Abuse</i>                             |                    |                      |                     |                     |
| <i>Legal, Ethical &amp; Professional Standards</i> |                    |                      |                     |                     |



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**3. UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICUM, INTERNSHIP OR FIELD EXPERIENCE**

You must complete **at least** 700 hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience that includes at least 280 hours of direct clinical services as required in the accrediting standards of CACREP for mental health counseling programs.

If you completed **fewer** than 700 practicum/internship hours in your master’s program, this requirement may be met outside the university setting by completing supervised practice experience that meets the CACREP standards below and is under the supervision of a qualified supervisor or equivalent.

Document non-university experience on the Graduate-Level Practicum, Internship, or Field Experience Verification Form for Mental Health Counseling found at <https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/forms/mhc-graduate-practicum-form.pdf>. You **cannot** begin your post-master’s supervision experience until you meet the 700 hours of practicum/internship requirement. The accrediting standards of CACREP for these hours are:

- At least 280 of these hours must be in direct service with actual clients that contributes to the development of counseling skills, including experience leading groups.
- An average of one hour per week of individual and/or triadic supervision.
- The opportunity to become familiar with a variety of professional activities and resources in addition to direct service (e.g., record keeping, assessment instruments, supervision, referral, staff meetings, etc.).
- The opportunity to develop program-appropriate audio/video recordings for use in supervision or to receive live supervision of the applicant’s interactions with clients.
- Evaluation of counseling performance throughout the practicum/internship, including a formal evaluation after the completion of the practicum/internship hours.

An official of the school (Dean, Department Chair) which awarded your graduate degree must provide a letter **on university letterhead** verifying that the supervised practicum/internship was completed in accordance with CACREP standards. **The practicum letter should also include the following:**

- a. Course Title(s) of Practicum/Internship/Field Experience
- b. Course Number(s)
- c. School or Site Where Experience was Completed
- d. Dates of Practicum/Internship or Field Experience
- e. Total Number of Clock Hours Completed
- f. Total Number of Direct Client Service Hours Completed

**4. GRADUATE OF A CACREP MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM**

If you graduated from a **mental health counseling program** accredited by CACREP, your overall degree program must be a minimum of 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours, including a course in human sexuality and a course in substance abuse.

Indicate below the graduate level course you completed that satisfies the two specific content areas.

You must have a minimum of three semester hours or four quarter hours in each content area.

| Content Area    | School Name | Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Human Sexuality |             |               |              |              |
| Substance Abuse |             |               |              |              |

Submit worksheet with your application.

**64B4-3.009 Limited Licenses.**

(1) No change.

(2) Any person desiring to obtain a limited license shall submit a completed application to the Board on Form DH-MQA 1178, Application for Limited Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor (Revised 07/202014/18), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-40294>, or the Board's website at <http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources>. The application shall be accompanied by the documents required by section 456.015(2), F.S., and a fee of \$25 unless the applicant provides a notarized statement from the employer stating that the applicant will not receive monetary compensation for service involving the practice of his profession.

(3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.015 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.015, 456.0635 FS. History--New 11-13-96, Formerly 59P-3.009, Amended 6-8-09, 3-11-10, 5-12-16, 9-1-16, 2-27-19,\_\_\_\_\_.

**64B4-3.010 Marriage and Family Therapy Dual Licensure.**

Any psychologist licensed under chapter 490, F.S., clinical social worker or mental health counselor licensed under this chapter or any advanced registered nurse practitioner certified under section 464.012, F.S., and determined by the Board of Nursing to be a specialist in psychiatric mental health, desiring to obtain licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall submit a completed application to the Board on Form DH-MQA 1177, ~~Marriage and Family Therapy Dual Licensure~~ Application for Dual Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (Revised ~~02/2014/18~~), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10292>, or the Board's website at <http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources>. The application shall be accompanied with the application fee and the initial active status license fee specified in rule 64B4-4.002, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 491.0057, 456.0635 FS. History—New 6-8-09, Amended 2-24-10, 5-12-16, 9-1-16, 2-27-19, \_\_\_\_\_.

**64B4-2.002 Definition of “Supervision” for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling.**

Supervision is the relationship between the qualified supervisor and intern that promotes the development of responsibility, skills, knowledge, attitudes and adherence to ethical, legal and regulatory standards in the practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy and mental health counseling. Supervision is contact between an intern and a supervisor during which the intern appraises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each client, client cases are discussed, the supervisor provides the intern with oversight and guidance in diagnosing, treating and dealing with clients, and the supervisor evaluates the intern’s performance.

(1) An intern shall be credited for the time of supervision required by Section 491.005, F.S., if the intern:

- (a) Received at least 100 hours of supervision in no less than 100 weeks; and,
- (b) Provided at least 1500 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy with clients; and,
- (c) Received at least 1 hour of supervision every two weeks.

(2) The supervision shall focus on the raw data from the intern’s face-to-face psychotherapy with clients. The intern shall make the raw data directly available to the supervisor through such means as written clinical materials, direct observation and video and audio recordings. Supervision is a process distinguishable from personal psychotherapy or didactic instruction.

(3) The supervisor and intern may utilize face-to-face electronic methods to conduct the supervisory sessions; however, the supervisor and intern must have in-person face-to-face contact for at least 50% of all of the interactions required in subsection (1), above. Prior to utilizing any online or interactive methods for supervision, the supervisor and the intern shall have at least one in-person face-to-face meeting. The supervisor and the intern are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the clients during both in-person and online or interactive supervisory sessions.

(4) If an intern obtains group supervision, each hour of group supervision must alternate with an hour of individual supervision. Group supervision must be conducted with all participants present in-person. For the purpose of this section, individual supervision is defined as one qualified supervisor supervising no more than two (2) interns and group supervision is defined as one qualified supervisor supervising more than 2 but a maximum of 6 interns in the group.

(5) A qualified supervisor shall supervise no more than 25 registered interns simultaneously.

(6) “Face-to-face psychotherapy” for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors registered pursuant to Section 491.0045, F.S., includes face-to-face by electronic methods so long as the registered intern establishes and adheres to the following:

(a) The registered intern has a written telehealth protocol and safety plan in place with their current qualified supervisor which includes the provision that the qualified supervisor must be readily available during the electronic therapy session; and

(b) The registered intern and their qualified supervisor have determined, through their professional judgements, that providing face-to-face psychotherapy by electronic methods is not detrimental to the patient is necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the patient, the registered intern, or both, and does not violate any existing statutes or regulations.

(7) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4) above a qualified supervisor may utilize face-to-face electronic methods, including telephone only communication, to conduct all supervisory sessions for internship hours if the qualified supervisor determines, through their professional judgment, that such methods are not detrimental to the registered intern’s patients and are necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the qualified supervisor, the registered intern, or both. Any clinical hours obtained via face-to-face psychotherapy by electronic means shall be considered clinical hours for the purpose of meeting internship requirements.

(8) No later than 90 days prior to June 30, 2021, the Board shall review and amend, modify, or repeal subsections (6) and (7) above if it determines that same creates barriers to entry for private business competition, is duplicative, outdated, obsolete, overly burdensome, imposes excessive costs, or otherwise negatively impacts the quality of psychotherapy received by Florida citizens.

*Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5), 491.0045, 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 3-21-90, Formerly 21CC-2.002, 61F4-2.002, Amended 1-7-96, 12-16-96, Formerly 59P-2.002, Amended 11-13-97, 10-28-98, 1-1-07, 3-14-07, 2-9-16, 1-2-20, 10-4-20.*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and  
Mental Health Counseling

**FROM:** Timothy Frizzell, Assistant Attorney General  
Counsel to the Board

**RE:** Qualified Supervisor supervision hours

**BOM MEETING:** November 5, 2020

**MEMO DATE:** September 14, 2020

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**Rule 64B4-2.002, F.A.C.**

**Definition of “Supervisor” for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and  
Mental Health Counseling.**

I. During the August 6 Board meeting, I was asked to draft a proposed for changes to 64B4-2.002 to better clarify the frequency for which Qualified Supervisors and their Interns can and should meet. I was asked to create 2 separate proposals. One which would allow supervisors and interns to meet for one 2 hour meeting every 2 weeks to qualify for supervision, and the other would require no more than 1 hour of supervision in any one week with at least 1 hour of supervision every 2 weeks. My proposals are included below.

**II. Option 1:**

Supervision is the relationship between the qualified supervisor and intern that promotes the development of responsibility, skills, knowledge, attitudes and adherence to ethical, legal and regulatory standards in the practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy and mental health counseling. Supervision is contact between an intern and a supervisor during which the intern appraises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each client, client cases are discussed, the supervisor provides the intern with oversight and guidance in diagnosing, treating and dealing with clients, and the supervisor evaluates the intern’s performance.

(1) An intern shall be credited for the time of supervision required by Section 491.005, F.S., if the intern:

- (a) Received at least 100 hours of supervision in no less than 100 weeks; and,
  - (b) Provided at least 1500 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy with clients; and,
  - (c) Received ~~at least~~ no more than ± 2 hours of supervision every two weeks.
- (2) through (8) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5), 491.0045, 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 3-21-90, Formerly 21CC-2.002, 61F4-*

2.002, Amended 1-7-96, 12-16-96, Formerly 59P-2.002, Amended 11-13-97, 10-28-98, 1-1-07, 3-14-07, 2-9-16, 1-2-20, \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. **Option 2:**

Supervision is the relationship between the qualified supervisor and intern that promotes the development of responsibility, skills, knowledge, attitudes and adherence to ethical, legal and regulatory standards in the practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy and mental health counseling. Supervision is contact between an intern and a supervisor during which the intern appraises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each client, client cases are discussed, the supervisor provides the intern with oversight and guidance in diagnosing, treating and dealing with clients, and the supervisor evaluates the intern's performance.

(1) An intern shall be credited for the time of supervision required by Section 491.005, F.S., if the intern:

(a) Received at least 100 hours of supervision in no less than 100 weeks; and,

(b) Provided at least 1500 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy with clients; and,

(c) Received at least no more than 1 hour of supervision every two weeks ~~week~~ with at least 1 hour of supervision every 2 weeks.

(2) through (8) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5), 491.0045, 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 3-21-90, Formerly 21CC-2.002, 61F4-2.002, Amended 1-7-96, 12-16-96, Formerly 59P-2.002, Amended 11-13-97, 10-28-98, 1-1-07, 3-14-07, 2-9-16, 1-2-20, \_\_\_\_\_.*

**64B4-2.0025 Definition of “Qualified Supervisor” and Affirmation Form Definitions and Duties.**

(1) A “qualified supervisor” for clinical social work as specified in Section 491.005(1)(c), F.S., means a licensed clinical social worker or the equivalent who meets the qualifications specified in Rule 64B4-11.007, F.A.C.

(2) A “qualified supervisor” for marriage and family therapy as specified in Section 491.005(3)(c), F.S., means a licensed marriage and family therapist ~~with at least five of experience~~ or the equivalent who meets the qualifications specified in Rule 64B4-21.007, F.A.C.

(3) A “qualified supervisor” for mental health counseling as specified in Section 491.005(4)(c), F.S., means a licensed mental health counselor or the equivalent who meets the qualifications specified in Rule 64B4-31.007, F.A.C.

(4) Form DH-MQA \_\_\_\_\_, Qualified Supervisor Affirmation Statement Instructions and Form (Revised 07/20), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-> \_\_\_\_\_, or on the web [www.floridasmalhealthprofessions.gov/resources](http://www.floridasmalhealthprofessions.gov/resources), must be submitted by all qualified supervisors prior to initiation of ~~who provide any~~ supervision in Florida for registered interns and trainees.

(5) In addition to the requirements found in Rule 64B4-2.002, F.A.C., Aa qualified supervisor shall:

(a) Provide the Board with a signed and dated letter which may be submitted electronically and which ~~states~~ing the supervisor has agreed to provide the intern or applicant with supervision while a registered intern;

(b) Not commence supervision until the qualified supervisor confirms Board approval, licensure status, and receipt of an approval letter from the Board office for each intern under supervision;

(c) Ensure that at all times the qualified supervisor and the intern act within their established scopes of practice providing the appropriate standard of care for each client of the intern;

(d) Report any violations of the scope of practice, standard of care, or any laws or rules directly to the Board within seven (7) days of the knowledge of such violation;

(e) Document a minimum of date, duration, and participants of all supervision sessions which shall be completed and signed, or otherwise verified, by the qualified supervisor no later than twenty-four (24) hours after each session;

(f) Ensure compliance with all continuing education requirements for both the qualified supervisor and the intern and provide updates to the intern on all changes to applicable laws and rules;

(g) Submit supervision hours to the Board within seven (7) days after the conclusion of supervision using form DH-MQA 1181, “Verification of Clinical Experience” which is incorporated in rule 64B4-3.0015, F.A.C.; and

(h) Be available upon request of the Board to appear, to submit additional documentation, or to submit additional information regarding the intern’s performance during supervision;

(i) Terminate the supervision relationship if the qualified supervisor is unable to adequately provide supervision; and

(j) Notify the Board within seven (7) days of the termination of the supervision relationship for any reason.

(6) Failure to comply with any of the requirements or duties by a qualified supervisor shall be considered a violation of section 456.072(1)(k), F.S., for discipline purposes.

*Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5), 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c), (5) FS. Law Implemented 456.072(1), 491.005(1)(c), (3)(c), (4)(c) FS. History—New 12-16-96, Formerly 59P-2.0025, Amended \_\_\_\_\_.*

## Notice of Proposed Rule

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B4-3.003 Examination for Licensure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the rule amendment is to update the language for examinations for licensure.

SUMMARY: To update rule language.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.017, 491.004(5) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.017, 491.005 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Janet Hartman, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B4-3.003 Examination for Licensure.

(1) An applicant who has completed all requirements for the examination and has been certified eligible by the board will be admitted to the examination for licensure.

(2) Theory and practice examinations.

(a) ~~The examination for Clinical Social Workers. The theory and practice examination for clinical social workers shall be the Clinical Level objective multiple choice examination developed by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). Beginning June 1, 2021, applicants may be deemed eligible to take the examination after completion of 18 months of documented experience in clinical settings, not including the applicant's practicum or other experience received in the applicant's graduate program. The minimum passing score is the recommended cut-off score provided by the national vendor established according to a standard setting method.~~

(b) ~~The examination for Mental Health Counselors shall be the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), shall be a clinical simulation examination developed by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). All options are given a weight based upon the level of appropriateness for good client care. The minimum pass level shall be the recommended cut-off score provided by the NBCC and established according to a content-based modified Angoff procedure. Applicants for licensure by endorsement may use the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) if the exam was taken prior to the year 2000.~~

(c) ~~The examination for Marriage and Family Therapists. The marital and family therapy examination shall be the an objective multiple choice examination developed by the Examination Advisory Committee of the Association~~

of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board (AMFTRB). ~~All items will be weighted equally in scoring the examination.~~

(3) The minimum passing score is ~~the recommended cut-off score provided by the national vendor and shall be established by the respective test providers according to the Angoff procedure.~~

Rulemaking Authority 456.017, 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.017, 491.005 FS. History—New 3-21-90, Amended 7-31-91, 3-10-92, 6-1-92, 1-27-93, Formerly 21CC-3.003, Amended 3-14-94, 7-20-94, Formerly 61F4-3.003, Amended 12-22-94, 9-18-95, 11-13-96, 6-1-97, Formerly 59P-3.003, Amended 8-8-99, 1-11-00, 7-2-00, 8-24-00, 10-15-02, 7-8-03, 6-7-10, 8-30-15, 7-10-19, \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: May 7, 2020

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August 17, 2020

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**RE: Department of Health: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family  
Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
Proposed Rule 64B4-3.003**

Dear Mr. Frizzell:

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule, which was advertised in the Florida Administrative Register on August 13, 2020. I have the following comments.

**64B4-3.003(2)(a):** This proposed rule amendment states that beginning June 1, 2021, applicants may be deemed eligible to take the Clinical Level objective multiple choice examination under certain conditions. Please advise which statutory provision cited as a law implemented authorizes this provision.

Also, the use of the word "may" necessarily implies that applicants may or may not be allowed to take the examination, which may vest unbridled discretion in the board. See § 120.52(8)(d), Fla. Stat. Please amend this rule paragraph or explain why amendment is not required.

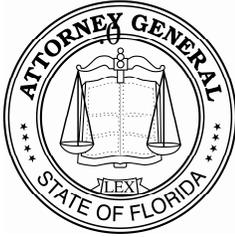
Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marjorie C. Holladay".

Marjorie C. Holladay  
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cc: Mr. Edward A. Tellechea, Chief Assistant Attorney General



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Re: **Department of Health: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
Proposed Rule 64B4-3.003**

Dear Ms. Holladay:

The Board of Clinical Social work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling (“Board”) is in receipt of your August 17, 2020 letter, which included comments regarding the Board’s proposed rules 64B4-3.003, F.A.C. I offer the following response to same.

**64B4-31.008(2)(a):** The Board’s authority to implement this rule change is found at section 491.004(5), Florida Statutes, which requires the Board to adopt rules “to implement and enforce” the provisions of chapter 491, Florida Statutes. Section 491.004(5), Florida Statutes, is cited as rulemaking authority. The proposed rule seeks to implement section 491.005(1), Florida Statutes, which requires that the clinical social work exam be purchased from the American Association of State Social Worker’s Board, more commonly known as the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). There are no other similar national organizations.

As a prerequisite to taking its national clinical social workers exam the ASWB currently requires applicants to complete a total of 24 months of practical clinical experience. Based upon the existing rule, applicants from the State of Florida were able to be approved to take the exam immediately after completion of their graduate programs. ASWB has required that the State of Florida come into compliance with their clinical experience requirements no later than July 1, 2021, or ASWB would cease allowing Florida graduates to take the exam. The Board discussed this matter over the course of several meetings and submitted a request to the ASWB, first to waive the 24-month requirement, then to grant exception allowing Florida students to take the exam after 18 months of

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clinical experience. The AWSB denied the Board's request to waive the requirement but granted their request for the 18-month exception. The present rule was approved by the Board to come into compliance with the 18-month exception granted by ASWB.

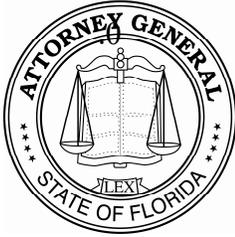
I will address your concerns with the use of the word "may" with the Board at their next regularly scheduled Board meeting to determine their response and if they wish to choose alternative rule language which does not inadvertently vest unbridled discretion in the Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s Timothy Frizzell*  
Timothy Frizzell  
Assistant Attorney General

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Proposed Rule 64B4-3.003**

Dear Ms. Holladay:

The Board of Clinical Social work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling ("Board") is in receipt of your August 26, 2020 letter, which included comments regarding the Board's proposed rules 64B4-3.003, F.A.C. I offer the following response to same.

**64B4-31.008(2)(a):** In order to be eligible for full licensure, an applicant must complete "at least 2 years of clinical social work experience, which took place subsequent to completion of a graduate degree," pursuant to section 491.005(1)(c), Florida Statutes. They must also pass "a theory and practice examination . . ." pursuant to section 491.005(1)(d), Florida Statutes. The proposed changes to 64B4-3.008(2)(a), F.A.C., address only when the applicant may take the theory and practice examination and has no impact on the 2-year experience requirement.

Please let me know if this does not address your concern and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s Timothy Frizzell*  
Timothy Frizzell  
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**RE: Department of Health: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family  
Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
Proposed Rule 64B4-3.003**

Dear Mr. Frizzell:

Thank you for your letter of August 26, 2020. In response thereto, I have the following comment.

**64B4-31.008(2)(a):** Thank you for explaining why the proposed rule includes this new language: “Beginning June 1, 2021, applicants may be deemed eligible to take the examination after completion of 18 months of documented experience in clinical settings, not including the applicant’s practicum [sic] or other experience received in the applicant’s graduate program.”

As I understand your letter, the board is concerned about implementing section 491.005(1), which requires that the clinical social work exam be purchased from the American Association of State Social Worker’s Board, also known as the ASWB. However, the ASWB will require Florida to come into compliance with its clinical experience requirements no later than July 1, 2021, or the ASWB will cease to allow Florida graduates to take the exam. The ASWB denied the board’s request to waive the requirement but granted the board’s request for the 18-month exception. The board approved this rule amendment to come into compliance with the 18-month exception granted by ASWB.

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Notwithstanding the ASWB's position, please explain how the board can certify that applicants have complied with section 491.005(1)(c), which requires that applicants have "at least 2 years of clinical social work experience, which took place subsequent to completion of a graduate degree . . ." if the applicant will only be required to complete 18 months of documented experience in clinical settings. *See* § 120.52(8)(c), Fla. Stat.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marjorie C. Holladay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "M" and "H".

Marjorie C. Holladay  
Chief Attorney

cc: Mr. Edward A. Tellechea, Chief Assistant Attorney General

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**64B4-6.007 Reapproval of Continuing Education Providers.**

(1) Approval of continuing education providership is for the biennium during which approval or reapproval was given. If reapproval is not sought and granted, the continuing education approved provider status automatically ends.

(2) It is the responsibility of the continuing education provider to request biennial reapproval of the provider status by supplying the Board in writing:

- (a) Provider name and number,
- (b) Current address and telephone number,
- (c) Continuing education director's name,
- (d) Reapproval fee pursuant to Rule 64B4-4.009, F.A.C.,
- (e) Proof of conducting at least one continuing education program during the previous biennium,

(3) The Board will not reapprove the continuing education provider status of any provider who fails to follow the Board's rules regarding continuing education providers.

(4) Providers seeking reapproval may continue to offer programs to licensees of the Board for credit until such time as a final order denying reapproval of continuing education provider status is filed with the Department clerk.

*Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5), 491.0085 FS. Law Implemented 491.0085(1) FS. History--New 12-22-94, Formerly 59P-6.007.*

**CHAPTER 64B4-22**  
**LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

64B4-22.110 Course Content

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The course requirements set forth in Section 491.005(3), F.S., shall contain the following content:

(1) Dynamics of Marriage and Family Systems. This course introduces the student to systemic knowledge and thought, focusing on the development of marriage and family therapy (MFT) as a profession and on the interactive dynamics of the living social systems of marriage and family as explained by a number of the tenets of General Systems Theory.

(2)(a) Marriage Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques,

(b) Family Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques. Content in these two areas may be taught separately as stated or they may be taught as a course in theories and a course in techniques. A course in theories will compare and contrast the major theoretical models in systemic marriage and family therapy which seek to explain both normal and abnormal, or dysfunctional marriage and family functioning. A course in techniques will use the different theoretical understandings to develop interventive skills useful in the diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic families, couples and individuals.

(3) Individual Human Development Theories Throughout the Life Cycle. This course covers theories of human development in all stages of life both for the individual and for the systems in which the individual lives.

~~(4) Personality Theories. This course covers both historical and current theories of personality and human behavior from an individual, non-systemic perspective.~~

(5) Psychopathology. This course prepares the student in the evaluation and classification of abnormal human behavior and psychiatric disorders in individuals according to current diagnostic standards (DSM IVTR and ICD-9 or ICD-10).

(6) Human Sexuality Theory and Counseling Techniques. This course provides a broad understanding of human sexual development, both normal and abnormal sexual functioning and appropriate counseling techniques for sexual dysfunctions.

(7) General Counseling Theories and Counseling Techniques. This course content teaches those theories and fundamentals of counseling which are applicable to all counseling processes whether they are individually or systemically oriented.

(8) Psychosocial Theories. Course content in this area explores the interrelationship of psychology and sociology in understanding the growth and development of living human systems within their larger, social systems context. Courses in family sociology, gender, anthropology or culture and ethnicity in counseling offer psychosocial awareness.

(9) Legal, Ethical and Professional Standards. This course presents standards of law and ethics as it relates to the practice of all counseling professions. Particular issues of law and ethics which uniquely impact the practice of MFT should also be addressed.

(10) Diagnosis, Appraisal, Assessment and Testing. This course content teaches a working knowledge of inferential statistics and the use and application of tests and measurements used in the diagnosis and appraisal of intra- and inter-personal disorders and dysfunctions.

(11) Behavioral Research. This course content teaches the student to be an informed consumer of professional research. The focus is on interpretation of research data and their appropriate application to professional practice. Knowledge of inferential statistics is necessary in this interpretative process.

(12) A ~~Minimum of One~~ 400 hours university-sponsored Supervised Clinical Practicum, internship, or field experience completed within a minimum of 12 months within a Marriage and Family Setting. The experience shall include at least 300 hours of direct client services of which a minimum of 200 hours must be relational. It is important to emphasize that the student practicum must be supervised by a licensed MFT or equivalent as defined in Rule 64B4-21.007, F.A.C., ~~must include 180 hours of direct client contact in systemic marriage and family therapy services~~ and must be certified complete by an official of the college or university granting the degree.

(13) Substance Abuse. This course includes research and theories of substance use and abuse; principles and practices for the treatment of substance abuse and addiction; and the promotion of responsible behavior.

*Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(3) FS. History—New 8-20-92, Amended 1-27-93, Formerly 21CC-22.110, Amended 2-22-94, Formerly 61F4-22.110, 59P-22.110, Amended 10-15-02, 1-24-08.*

| Florida Schools                  | Location             | MHC                                    | MFT                                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| Barry University                 | Miami Shores         | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-CACREP                              |
| Carlos Albizu                    | Miami                | No-Counseling Related Program (ie. Ph. | Yes-NOT CACREP or COAMFTE               |
| Florida A&M University           | Tallahassee          | Yes-NOT CACREP                         | No                                      |
| Florida Atlantic University      | Boca Raton           | Yes-CACREP                             | No                                      |
| Florida Gulf Coast University    | Fort Myers           | Yes-CACREP                             | No-Certificate Program (Relationship an |
| Florida International University | Miami                | Yes-CACREP                             | No                                      |
| Florida State University         | Tallahassee          | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-COAMFTE (Ph.D.)                     |
| Gulf Coast State College         | Panama City          | No                                     | No                                      |
| Hodges University                | Naples               | Yes-CACREP                             | No                                      |
| Jacksonville University          | Jacksonville         | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-NOT CACREP or COAMFTE               |
| Lynn University                  | Boca Raton           | Yes-CACREP                             | No                                      |
| Nova Southeastern University     | Davie                | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-COAMFTE                             |
| Palm Beach Atlantic University   | W. Palm Beach        | Yes-NOT CACREP                         | Yes-NOT CACREP or COAMFTE               |
| Rollins College                  | Winter Park          | Yes-CACREP                             | No-Certificate Program (Family and Rela |
| Saint Leo University             | Saint Leo            | No-Counseling Related Program          | No                                      |
| South University                 | Royal Palm Beach     | Yes-CACREP                             | No                                      |
| St. Thomas University            | Miami Gardens        |  | Yes-NOT COAMFTE or CACREP               |
| Stetson University               | DeLand               | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-CACREP                              |
| University of Central Florida    | Orlando              | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-CACREP                              |
| University of Florida            | Gainesville          | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-CACREP                              |
| University of Miami              | Coral Gables         | Yes-NOT CACREP                         | Yes-NOT COAMFTE or CACREP               |
| University of North Florida      | Jacksonville         | Yes-CACREP                             | No                                      |
| University of Phoenix            | Orlando, Jacksonvill | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-NOT COAMFTE or CACREP               |
| University of South Florida      | Tampa                | Yes-CACREP                             | Yes-COAMFTE (Starting 2020)             |
| University of West Florida       | Pensacola            | No-Counseling Related (Psychology)     | No                                      |

| OUT OF STATE                 | Location        | MHC        | MFT                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Amridge University           |                 |            | Yes-NOT COAMFTE or CACREP |
| Antioch University           | New England, MA | Yes-CACREP | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Antioch University           | Seattle, WA     | Yes-CACREP | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Appalachian State            | Boone, NC       | Yes-CACREP | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Ashbury Theological Seminary |                 | NOT CACREP |                           |

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| Auburn University                  |               | Yes-CACREP     | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Brigham Young University           | Provo, Utah   | NOT CACREP     |                           |
| Capella University                 |               | Yes-CACREP     | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Chapman University                 | CA            | NOT CACREP     | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Liberty University                 |               | Yes-NOT CACREP | Yes-NOT COAMFTE or CACREP |
| North Central University           |               |                |                           |
| Northeastern Illinois University   |               |                |                           |
| Springfield College                |               |                |                           |
| Touro University                   |               |                | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| Troy University                    | Troy, AL      | Yes-CACREP     | No                        |
| University of Akron                |               |                | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| University of Massachusetts Boston |               |                |                           |
| University of Nevada               | Las Vegas, NV |                | Yes-COAMFTE               |
| University of San Diego            |               |                |                           |
| Walden University                  |               | Yes-CACREP     | Yes-CACREP                |
| Webster University                 | St. Louis, MO | Yes-CACREP     |                           |
| Regent University                  |               | Yes-CACREP     | Yes-CACREP                |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Current Requirement</u></b><br/>Reference:<br/><a href="https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=64B4-22.110">https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=64B4-22.110</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>36 semester hours or 48 quarter hours of graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level course credits in each of the following nine areas:</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CACREP</u></b><br/>The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reference: <a href="http://www.cacrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2016-Standards-with-Glossary-5.3.2018.pdf">http://www.cacrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2016-Standards-with-Glossary-5.3.2018.pdf</a><br/><b>Page 31</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>COAMFTE</u></b><br/>Commission on Accreditation of Marriage and Family Education</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Foundational Curriculum Area (FCA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reference: <a href="http://www.COAMFTE.org">www.COAMFTE.org</a><br/>Accreditation Standards V12</p>   |
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| <p>(1) <b>Dynamics of Marriage and Family Systems</b> This course introduces the student to systemic knowledge and thought, focusing on the development of marriage and family therapy (MFT) as a profession and on the interactive dynamics of the living social systems of marriage and family as explained by a number of the tenets of General Systems Theory.</p>   | <p>Theories and Models of Family Systems and Dynamics</p>   |  |
| <p>(2) <b>Marriage Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques(a)</b><br/>Content in these two areas may be taught separately as stated or they may be taught as a course in theories and a course in techniques. A course in theories will compare and contrast the major theoretical models in systemic marriage and family therapy which seek to explain both normal and abnormal, or dysfunctional marriage and family functioning. A course in techniques will use the different theoretical understandings to develop interventive skills useful in the diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic families, couples and individuals.</p> | <p>Theories and Models of Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling</p>   | <p><b>FCA 1: Foundations of Relational/Systemic Practice, Theories &amp; Models (Minimum of 6 semester credits/8 quarter credits/90 clock hours</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in the foundations and critical epistemological issues of MFTs. It includes the historical development of the relational/systemic perspective and contemporary conceptual foundations of MFTs, and early and contemporary models of MFT, including evidence-based practice and the biopsychosocial perspective.</p> |
| <p>(3) <b>Family Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques</b><br/>Content in these two areas may be taught separately as stated or they may be taught as a course in theories and a course in techniques. A course in theories will compare and contrast the major theoretical models in systemic marriage and family therapy which seek to explain both normal and abnormal, or dysfunctional</p>   | <p>Sociology of the Family, Family Phenomenology, and Family of Origin Theories</p>   | <p><b>FCA 1: Foundations of Relational/Systemic Practice, Theories &amp; Models (Minimum of 6 semester credits/8 quarter credits/90 clock hours</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in the</p>  |

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| <p>marriage and family functioning. A course in techniques will use the different theoretical understandings to develop interventive skills useful in the diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic families, couples and individuals.</p>                |  | <p>foundations and critical epistemological issues of MFTs. It includes the historical development of the relational/systemic perspective and contemporary conceptual foundations of MFTs, and early and contemporary models of MFT, including evidence-based practice and the biopsychosocial perspective.</p>   |
| <p><b>(4) Individual Human Development Theories Throughout the Life Cycle</b><br/>         This course covers theories of human development in all stages of life both for the individual and for the systems in which the individual lives.</p>       |  | <p><b>FCA 6: Biopsychosocial Health &amp; Development Across the Life Span (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)</b> This area addresses individual and family development, human sexuality, and biopsychosocial health across the lifespan.</p>  |
| <p><b>(5) Personality Theory or General Counseling Theory and Technique</b> This course covers both historical and current theories of personality and human behavior from an individual, non-systemic perspective.</p>                                |  |   |
| <p><b>(6) Psychopathology</b> This course prepares the student in the evaluation and classification of abnormal human behavior and psychiatric disorders in individuals according to current diagnostic standards (DSM IV TR and ICD-9 or ICD-10).</p> | <p>Diagnostic Process, Including Differential Diagnosis and the Use of Current Diagnostic Classification Systems, Including the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)</i> and the <i>International Classification of Diseases (ICD)</i></p> | <p><b>FCA 7: Systemic/Relational Assessment &amp; Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in traditional psychodiagnostic categories, psychopharmacology, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of major mental health issues as well as a wide variety of common presenting problems including addiction, suicide, trauma, abuse, intra-familial violence, and therapy for individuals, couples, and</p> |

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|  |  | families managing acute chronic medical conditions, utilizing a relational/systemic philosophy.  |
| <p>(7) <b>Human Sexuality Theory</b> This course provides a broad understanding of human sexual development, both normal and abnormal sexual functioning and appropriate counseling techniques for sexual dysfunctions.</p>  | <p>Human Sexuality and its Effect on Couple and Family Functioning</p> | <p><b>FCA 2: Clinical Treatment with Individuals, Couples and Families (Minimum of 6 Credits/8 quarter credits/90 clock hours)</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in treatment approaches specifically designed for use with a wide range of diverse individuals, couples, and families, including sex therapy, same-sex couples, working with young children, adolescents and elderly, interfaith couples, and includes a focus on evidence-based practice. Programs must include content on crisis intervention.</p>   |
| <p>(8) <b>Psychosocial Theory</b> Course content in this area explores the interrelationship of psychology and sociology in understanding the growth and development of living human systems within their larger, social systems context. Courses in family sociology, gender, anthropology or culture and ethnicity in counseling offer psychosocial awareness.</p> |  | <p><b>FCA 3: Diverse, Multicultural and/or Underserved Communities (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in understanding and applying knowledge of diversity, power, privilege and oppression as these relate to race, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, disability, health status, religious, spiritual and/or beliefs, nation of origin or other relevant social categories throughout the curriculum. It includes practice with <b>diverse, international, multicultural, marginalized, and/or</b></p> |

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|  |   | <b>underserved communities</b> , including developing competencies in working with sexual and gender minorities and their families as well as <b>anti-racist practices</b> .   |
| (9) <b>Substance Abuse Theory and Counseling Technique</b> This course includes research and theories of substance use and abuse; principles and practices for the treatment of substance abuse and addiction; and the promotion of responsible behavior.  | Impact of Addiction on Marriages, Couples, and Families   |  |
| <b>A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours in:</b>   |   |  |
| (10) <b>Legal, Ethical, and Professional Standards Issues in the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy</b> This course presents standards of law and ethics as it relates to the practice of all counseling professions. Particular issues of law and ethics which uniquely impact the practice of MFT should also be addressed.             | Ethical and Legal Considerations and Family Law Issues Unique to The Practice of Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling  | <b>FCA 5: Professional Identity, Law, Ethics &amp; Social Responsibility (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)</b> This area addresses the development of a MFT Identity and socialization, and facilitates students developing competencies in ethics in MFT practice, including understanding and applying the AAMFT Code of Ethics and understanding legal responsibilities.            |
| (11) <b>Diagnosis, Appraisal, Assessment, and Testing for Individual or Interpersonal Disorder or Dysfunction</b> This course content teaches a working knowledge of inferential statistics and the use and application of tests and measurements used in the diagnosis and appraisal of intra- and inter-personal disorders and dysfunctions. | Principles and Models of Assessment and Case Conceptualization from A Systems Perspective<br><br><u>or</u><br><br>Assessments Relevant to Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling | <b>FCA 2: Clinical Treatment with Individuals, Couples and Families (Minimum of 6 Credits/8 quarter credits/90 clock hours)</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in treatment approaches specifically designed for use with a wide range of diverse individuals, couples, and families, including sex therapy, same-sex couples, working with young children, adolescents and elderly, |

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|  |  | interfaith couples, and includes a focus on evidence-based practice. Programs must include content on crisis intervention.  |
| <p>(12) <b>Behavioral Research</b> This course content teaches the student to be an informed consumer of professional research. The focus is on interpretation of research data and their appropriate application to professional practice. Knowledge of inferential statistics is necessary in this interpretative process.</p> |  | <p><b>FCA 4: Research &amp; Evaluation (Minimum 3 Credits</b> This area facilitates students developing competencies in MFT research and evaluation methods, and in evidence-based practice, including becoming an informed consumer of couple, marriage, and family therapy research. If the program’s mission, goals, and outcomes include preparing students for doctoral degree programs, the program must include an increased emphasis on research.</p>   |
|  |  | <p><b>The following areas must be covered in the curriculum in some way, though there are no minimum credit requirements.</b></p> <p><b>FCA 8: Contemporary Issues</b><br/> This area facilitates students developing competencies in emerging and evolving contemporary challenges, problems, and/or recent developments at the interface of Couple or Marriage and Family Therapy knowledge and practice, and the broader local, regional, and global context. This includes such issues as immigration, technology, same-sex</p> |

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|  |  | <p>marriage, violence in schools, etc. These issues are to reflect the context of the program and the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. Programs are encouraged to innovate in this Foundational Curricular Area.</p>   |
|  |  | <p><b>FCA 9: Community Intersections &amp; Collaboration</b><br/>         This area facilitates students developing competencies in practice within defined contexts (e.g., healthcare settings, schools, military settings, private practice) and/or nontraditional MFT professional practice using therapeutic competencies congruent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes (e.g., community advocacy, psycho-educational groups). It also addresses developing competency in <b>multidisciplinary collaboration.</b></p> |

## **MFT Recommendations**

### **Required Coursework for CACREP Graduates:**

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Personality Theories (Remove this course)
3. Psychosocial Theory/Multicultural Communities
4. Behavioral Research

### **Practicum Requirements:**

A minimum of 400 hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience completed within a minimum of 12 months within a Marriage and Family setting. The experience shall include at least 300 hours of direct client services of which a minimum of 200 hours must be relational.

It is important to emphasize that the student practicum, internship, or field experience must be supervised by a licensed MFT or equivalent as defined in rule 64B4-21.007, F.A.C. and must be certified complete by an official of the college or university granting the degree.

# THE FLORIDA BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK, MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

## ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN 2020-21

This Annual Regulatory Plan is being filed and published pursuant to section 120.74, *Florida Statutes* (2019). The Plan covers the period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

### PART ONE LAWS ENACTED OR AMENDED

Part One of the Plan addresses each law enacted or amended during the 2020 Legislative Session which creates or modifies the duties or authority of the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. §120.74(1)(a), Fla. Stat. (2019).

| Law Enacted or Modified on or after Oct. 1, 2019               | Florida Statute (modified or created)   | Rule (impacted)  | Must Agency Adopt Rules? | If Rulemaking is Necessary, Notice of Development Published in Florida Administrative Register? | Expected Publication Date for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking | If Rulemaking is Not Necessary, Explain |
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| Ch. 2020-125, Laws of Florida, Effective July 1, 2020 (HB 115) | §120.82, F.S.<br>§456.0635, F.S.<br>§456.0721, F.S.<br>§456.074, F.S.<br>§1009.95, F.S. | 64B4-3.0085<br>(Intern Registration)<br><br>64B4-3.0075<br>(Provisional Licensure)<br><br>64B4-3.010<br>(Marriage and Family Therapy Dual Licensure) | Yes                      | Unknown   | Unknown   | N/A                                     |

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|   |   | 64B4-3.009<br>(Limited Licenses)<br><br>64B4-3.001<br>(Application for Licensure for<br>Clinical Social Work, Marriage<br>and Family Therapy and Mental<br>Health Counseling Applicants) |    |     |     |   |
| Ch. 2020-133,<br>Laws of Florida,<br>Effective July 1,<br>2020 (HB 713) | §491.0045, F.S.<br>§491.005, F.S.<br>§491.006, F.S.<br>§491.007, F.S.<br>§491.009, F.S. | 64B4-22.110<br>(Course Content)  | No | N/A | N/A | §491.005(3) grants the Board authority to create rules regarding approving courses for Marriage and Family Therapy. It does not require creation of rules to implement and leaves it at the discretion of the Board to determine what rules are needed to administer the section, if any. |

**PART TWO**  
**LAWS EXPECTED TO BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH RULEMAKING**

Part Two of this plan addresses those laws which the Board of Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling intends to implement through rulemaking by July 1, 2021 that are otherwise not covered pursuant to Part One of this Plan. This Part does not include emergency rulemaking or any other rulemaking that may become necessary that was not evident to the Board at the time of the submission of this plan. Additionally, the listing of a law to be implemented does not mean the rule will necessarily be adopted or effective by July 1, 2020. §120.74(1)(b), Fla. Stat. (2019).

| <b>Rule Number<br/>And Title</b>  | <b>Law Expected to Be Implemented<br/>Through Rulemaking</b>                  | <b>Intent of Rulemaking</b> |
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| 64B4-2.002<br>(Definition of<br>“Supervision” for<br>Clinical Social Work,<br>Marriage and Family<br>Therapy and Mental<br>Health Counseling) | §491.005, F.S.  | Simplify, Clarify           |
| 64B4-7.0081<br>(Requirements to be a<br>Qualified Practitioner for<br>Completing Risk Assessments<br>and Treatment of Sexual<br>Offenders)    | §941.1405(7)(a)5., F.S.<br>§948.001(10) and (11), F.S.<br>§948.30(1)(e), F.S. | Simplify, Clarify           |
| 64B4-31.008<br>(Definition of<br>“Research”)  | §491.005, F.S.  | Clarify                     |
| 64B4-2.0025<br>(Definition of<br>“Qualified<br>Supervisor”)   | §456.072(1), F.S.<br>§494.005(1)(c), (3)(c) and (4) (c) F.S.                  | Clarify                     |

**PART THREE**  
**UPDATES TO PRIOR YEAR'S PLAN**

Part Three of the Plan address whether there are any updates to the prior year's regulatory plan. §120.74(1)(c), Fla. Stat. (2019).

**There are no updates to the prior year's annual regulatory plan.**

**PART FOUR**  
**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO §120.74(1)(d), Fla. Stat. (2019)**

The undersigned hereby certify that they have reviewed this Annual Regulatory Plan and that the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling regularly reviews all its rules to determine if the rules remain consistent with the Board's rulemaking authority and the laws being implemented, with the most comprehensive enhanced review having been completed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 with continuing board review through September 2020.

/s Lisa Bolhouse  
Electronic Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Bolhouse,  
LCSW

Chair of the Board of Board of Clinical  
Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy  
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/s Timothy Frizzell  
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Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy  
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08/21/2020  
Date Signed

08/26/2020  
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