

State Licensure Comparison Chart October 2007

The Association for Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) is presenting a chart comparing the licensing requirements by states on the dimensions of education, direct client contact hours, direct hours that must be MFT, indirect/other hours, supervision, post graduation years of experience, exam, other requirements, specified master's degree credit hours, and practicum.

This chart should be used with **CAUTION**.

States are constantly reviewing and revising their regulations and rules regarding licensing.

The chart is a compilation of the best information that was contributed and available at the time, October 2007.

If you are interested in becoming licensed in a particular state, be certain to research the most current information for that state's requirements from the state's web site or by contacting the state's licensing board directly.

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(Compiled March 2007 – check individual state web sites for details and for any changes to licensure laws)

State	Education (regionally accredited institution unless otherwise indicated)	Direct Client Contact Hours	Direct Hours that must be MFT	Indirect Or Other Hours (if specified)	Supervision	Post Graduate Years of Experience	Exam	Other Requirements	Specified Master's degree Credit Hours (specific MFT coursework requirements available on state web pages)	Practicum
Alabama	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	250		200 (1 to 5 ratio) at least 100 hours must be individual	2 years experience post master's degree	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character		500 hours
Alaska	Graduate degree in MFT or allied field	1500	1500		200 (100 individual and 100 group)	4 years	Oral or written exam administered by the board	Training in domestic violence		One year
Arizona	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1600	1000		200 hours	2 years	MFT National Exam			300 hours
Arkansas	COAMFTE Master's or equivalent	3 years with 1000 hours of client contact per years			Year 1=1000 hour with 100 supervision hours; Year 2=1000/50; Year 3 = 1000/25	3 years 30 post master's credit hours may be substituted for one year.	MFT National Exam	Oral exam after passing written exam. Approval of therapy tape. Criminal background check	60 hour Master's degree	500 hours
California	Master's degree in MFT or equivalent	1700	500	1300	1 to 10 ratio for the duration of supervised post master's experience (1 to 5 during graduate program)	2-6 years	California Exam	Additional Training-check website for specifics	48 hour Master's degree	500 hours
Colorado	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1500		500 (0 if a Ph.D)	100, 50 must be individual, 75/37.5 if a Ph.D.	2 years for Masters degree, 1 year Ph.D.-	MFT National Exam	Jurisprudence exam	45 hour Master's degree	300 hours
Connecticut		1000			100 hours 50 must be individual	1 year	MFT National Exam		45 hour Master's degree	500 hours completed in 1-2 years
Delaware	COAMFTE Master's or equivalent	1600	500		100 hours 60 must be individual	4 years	MFT National Exam			Not specified
District of	COAMFTE	1500	1500		300 (1 to 5 ratio) at	2 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral	60 hour Master's	Not

Columbia	Master's degree or equivalent				least 100 must be individual			Character	degree	Specified
Florida	MFT Master's degree					2 years supervised experience	MFT National Exam	8 hour law & rules course, 2 hour prevention of medical errors course		Not Specified
Georgia	COAMFTE Master's or equivalent	2000	2000		200, 100 with an approved supervisor, 50 must be individual	2-5 years	MFT National Exam	Criminal Background check		1 year, 500 hours
Hawaii	MFT Master's degree	1000	1000		200 hours	2 years	MFT National Exam			1 year 300 hours
Idaho	COAMFTE CACREP Master's or equivalent	2000	1000		200 hours 100 hours must be individual	2 years	MFT National Exam		60 hour Master's degree	1 year 300 hours 150 MFT hours
Illinois	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	1000		200 (1 to 5 ratio) at least 100 must be individual	2 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character	48 hour Master's degree	300 hours
Indiana	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	500		200 (1 to 5 ratio) at least 100 must be individual	3 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character		500 hours
Iowa	COAMFTE Master's or equivalent	1000	1000		200 hours 100 must be individual, 1 hour per week must be face to face individual	2 years	MFT National Exam		45 hour Master's degree	300 hours
Kansas	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	4000			1 to 15 ratio		MFT National Exam			500 hours
Kentucky	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	1000		200 hours	2 years	MFT National Exam	N/A		300 hours
Louisiana	COAMFTE Master's or equivalent, CACREP Master's with MFT coursework	3000, 2000 must be direct client contact		1000	200 hours 100 must be individual face to face (100 if graduate of COAMFTE program)	2 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character	48 hour Master's degree	500, 250 must be with couples and families
Maine	COAMFTE or CACREP	3000	1000		200 hours, 100 must be individual	2 years	MFT National Exam		60 hour Master's degree	900, 360 must be

	Master's degree or equivalent				face to face					direct client contact
Maryland	MFT Master's or equivalent from an accredited university	1000			100 at least 50 must be face to face individual	2 years	MFT National Exam	N/A	60 hour Master's degree	300 hours
Massachusetts	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	500		200 at least 100 must be face to face individual	2 years	MFT National Exam	N/A	60 hour Master's degree	300 hours
Michigan	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	1000		200 (1 to 5 ratio) at least 100 hours individual	Not Specified	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character		300 hours
Minnesota	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	500		200 at least 100 must be individual face to face	2 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character		300 hours
Mississippi	COAMFTE Master's degree	1000			200 at least 100 must be individual face to face	2 years	MFT National exam	N/A		500 hours
Missouri	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1500	1500		200 face to face supervision hours	2 years (no more than 4 years)	MFT National Exam	N/A	45 hour Master's degree	500 hours
Montana	No license									
Nebraska (Licensed Mental Health provider)	COAMFTE Masters' degree or equivalent	1500		1500	2 face to face hours per 15 hours of direct client contact	2-5 years	MFT National Exam	N/A		300
Nevada	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1500		1500 (check web site for specific requirements)	300 hours, 160 must be provided by an Approved supervisor other can be by secondary supervisor	Not specified	MFT National Exam	N/A	45 hour Master's degree	Not specified
New Hampshire	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1000	1000		200 hours face to face supervision	2 years	MFT National Exam	N/A		Not specified
New Jersey	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	Full time practice for 5 years, at least 20 hours of client contact per week		11 hours per week for 5 years	5 years 2 of which must be in supervised MFT practice. 4 hours of supervision per week, 2 must be face to face (1 to 5	5 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character		3 credit hour practicum

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New Mexico	MFT Master's degree from a regionally accredited university		1000		200 (100 must be individual face to face)	2 years	MFT National Exam		45 hour Master's degree	300
New York	Accredited MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1500			1 hour per week	Not Specified	Board Approved Exam	Good Moral Character, complete training in child abuse reporting	45 hour Master's degree	300 hours
North Carolina	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1500 hours	1500		200 hours	3 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character	45 hour Master's degree	500 hours
North Dakota	No Information									
Ohio	MFT master's degree or related masters with required coursework	1000	1000		200 (1 to 5 ratio) at least 100 hours individual	2 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character	60 hour Master's degree	300 hours
Oklahoma	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1000			150 face to face (75 may be group). Supervisor must observe live or on tape 2 times every 6 months	2 years	MFT National Exam; oral or written exam on psychopathology and law and regulations	Criminal background check		300 hours
Oregon	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	2000	1000		At least 2 hours per month for every 45 client contact hours. 3 hours per month when 46 or more client contact hours.	3 years	National MFT exam	Law and rules examination	48 hour Master's degree	Not Specified
Pennsylvania	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	1800		1800	2 hours for every 40 of the 3600	3 years	MFT National Exam	Good Moral Character	48 hour master's degree or 60 hours of graduate credit in a planned program	300 hours
Rhode Island	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	2000			100 hours of supervision spread across 2 years	2 years	Board approved exam	Good Moral Character	60 hour Master's degree	12 semester hours of practicum and internship
South Carolina	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1500			150 hours, 100 must be individual face to face	5 years of practice, 2 of the 5 years must be under the supervision of	Board approved exam		48 hour Master's degree	300 hours

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South Dakota	COAMFTE or CACREP Master's degree or equivalent	1700			200	3 years	MFT National Exam		48 hour Master's degree	1 year
Tennessee	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1000			200	2 years	MFT National Exam, oral exam	Criminal Background check, good moral character		300 hours
Texas	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	1500	750		200, 100 must be face to face individual	2 years	MFT National Exam	Jurisprudence exam	45 hour Master's degree	12 months 9 credit hours
Utah	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	4000 hours must include 1000 hours of mental health therapy	500		100 individual face to face hours	2 years	MFT National Exam			500 hours
Vermont	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	2 years experience under the supervision of a licensed MFT				2 years	MFT National Exam			
Virginia	CACREP or COAMFTE degree or equivalent	2000/w 4000 hours experience	1000		200 (1 to 5 ratio) at least 100 individual	2 years	Board Approved Exam	Good Moral Character	60 hour Master's degree	600 hours
Washington	COAMFTE Master's degree or equivalent	3000, 1000 must be direct contact with clients	500		200, 100 must be individual face to face	2 years	MFT National Exam	AIDS Education and Training		1 year 9 credit hours
West Virginia	No License									
Wisconsin	COAMFTE Master's degree of equivalent	1000 w/3000 hours experience			Not Specified	2 years	Board Approved Exam	N/A		Not Specified
Wyoming	MFT Master's degree or equivalent	3000			100 hours face to face supervision					