

**AMFTRB State Licensure Comparison Chart**  
(compiled July, 2015 – check individual state websites of details and any changes to laws or rules)  
Post Graduate Experience Needed

State	Title(s)	Title(s) Meaning	Rules and/or Law	Education Needed	Approved Supervisor	Parity/Bill Statement	Fees	Exam Score Explanation	Current/Jan
				Therapy to include 1,500 hours of direct clinical contact with couples, individuals, and families; and clinical contact for at least 200 hours, including 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision approved by the board.	Supervision must have practiced marital and family therapy for continuous five years; approved by the board; licensed under the Alaska board of licensure. Must hold documentation of having completed at least six contact hours of education related to the practice of supervising a marital and family therapist within the last two years. See section 12 AAC 192.10.	Reviewed on a case by case basis to ensure that Alaska standards are met	nonrefundable application fee for initial license, \$175; licensee fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, \$645; biennial license renewal fee, \$645; four year associate license fee for supervised practice, \$445; temporary license fee, \$100.	"N/A"	103 Active
Arizona	LMFT, LMFTA	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate	<a href="http://arizona.gov">http://arizona.gov</a>	Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or Determined by the marriage and family therapy credentialing committee to be substantially equivalent to a program. See Article 6 RA 6 601. Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.	After completing the degree required in RA 6 601, an applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall complete a minimum of 2000 hours of supervised work experience in the practice. A minimum of 1000 of the 1600 hours of direct client. During the supervised work experience required in RA 6 603. An applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall receive a minimum of 200 hours of clinical supervision in no less than 24 months and of least 100 of the hours shall address hours focusing on couples and families. See Section RA 6 604. contact shall be client contact with couples and families. The remaining 600 hours may be with individuals and groups of marriage and family therapy in no less than 24 months. See section RA 6 603.	Clinical supervision of an applicant for marriage and family therapist licensed in Arizona. See section RA 6 604.	Guidelines for Licensure Fees. See section RA 6 213. License issuance fee for independent level LMFT, \$ 250.00 Temporary license: \$ 50.00 Non Independent: \$100.00 Renewal: \$ 175.00 2014 Fee schedule: <a href="http://www.arizona.gov/pdf/let/let2014schedule.pdf">http://www.arizona.gov/pdf/let/let2014schedule.pdf</a>	"N/A"	492 Active
Arkansas	LMFT, LAMFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate Marriage and Family Therapist	<a href="http://www.arkansas.gov">http://www.arkansas.gov</a>	Must have received a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy or related field from a regionally accredited institution. The graduate semester hours must meet the national academic and training content standards adopted by the Board from the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COMAFTE) or the Council for Accreditation Counselor Related Education Programs (CACREP) or equivalent. Must demonstrate professional competence by passing written, oral, and situational examinations prescribed by the Board. See sections 3.3 & 3.4	Must arrange supervision with a Board approved Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist beyond the Master's Degree acceptable to the Board. One year of experience may be gained for each 30 semester hours of graduate work beyond the Master's level, provided the hours are clearly marriage and family therapy in nature and acceptable to the Board. See Section 3.4. Candidate must complete three years of Client Contact Hours (CCH) with supervision. One year equal 1000 hours of client contact. Supervision is provided in 2 phases: Year 1 - Hour of supervision for every 10 client contact hours. Year 2 - Hour of supervision for every 20 client contact hours. Year 3 - 1 hour for every 40 client contact hours. See Section 4.1 & 4.2	No reciprocity agreement exists between other states or other Arkansas agencies. Waiver of the NCE, NCMHCE, or the AMFTB may be granted when the Board has determined that another examination is equivalent or an endorsement agreement has been reached with the other boards or agencies responsible for licensing Counselor/Therapists. Must meet the state supervision requirement. If the applicant has been continuously licensed in another state for seven years, is in good standing in that state and has passed the NCMhCE within five years prior to the Arkansas application, the NCMhCE may substitute for 500 CCH hours of required supervision. See section 9.1.	LAMFT license fee renewal: \$250.00 LMFT License: \$ 300.00 Application fee: \$200.00 <a href="http://abc.arkansas.gov">http://abc.arkansas.gov</a>	"N/A" N/A/Please	82 Active
Connecticut	LMFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists	<a href="http://www.ct.gov">http://www.ct.gov</a>	total of 45 semester hours, or its equivalent, of			until August 2015	"N/A"	82 Active





Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

<http://164.64.110.232>  
<http://www.nm.gov/licensing>  
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Master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution in marriage and family therapy, meets the requirements of the core curriculum in marriage and family therapy.

A minimum of two years' postgraduate marriage and family therapy experience.

1,000 hours of postgraduate marriage and family clinical client contact.  
200 hours of appropriate postgraduate marriage and family supervision, including at least 100 hours of individual supervision.

(\*) Supervision must be provided by a licensed professional clinical mental health counselor (PCMH), licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), licensed professional art therapist (LPAT), licensed

Utah	MFT, Associate MFT/Extern Marriage and Family Therapist/Associate	<a href="http://legi.utah.gov/">http://legi.utah.gov/</a>	MFT/Associate MFT/Extern: Clinical M.A. or doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy from a CDMRI accredited program or program accredited by a professional accrediting body approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation of the American Council on Education at the time the applicant obtained the education. Specific course requirements found in R156-406-302a.	MFT: A minimum of 4,000 hrs of supervised training which shall: (a) be completed in not less than 2 yrs; (b) be completed while the applicant is an employee of a public or private agency engaged in mental health therapy; (c) include at least 100 hrs of direct supervision spread uniformly throughout the training period; (d) include a minimum of 1,000 hrs of mental health therapy of which at least 500 hrs are in couples or family therapy with 2 or more clients participating and at least 1 physically present; Specifics found in R156-406-302b; Associate MFT/Extern: Meets educational requirements and is working under supervision, has yet to submit documentation of supervised experience; extern license expires in 3 yrs and is not renewable or extendable.	(1) be licensed as a marriage and family therapist in good standing for not less than two years; (2) be currently licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the state in which the training is being performed; Specifics for supervisor training found in R156-406-302d. (3) If the applicant is not currently licensed in the state in which the training is being performed, the applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating by evidence satisfactory to the Division and Board that the training completed outside the state is equivalent to and in all respects meets the requirements under this subsection.	LMTF application fee: \$120 Associate/Extern application fee: \$85	N/A	MFT: 577 active; 11 surrendered; 6 renewed; 2 restricted active on probation; 3 restricted denied; 8 inactive; 526 expired; 104 denied; Associate MFT: 168 active; 1 surrendered; 150 surrendered; 1 limited active; 79 expired; 19 denied; Temporary MFT: 0 active; 1 surrendered; 47 expired; Associate MFT/Extern: 3 active; 1 surrendered; 1 superceded; 4 expired; 4 denied		
Vermont	MFT Marriage and Family Therapist	<a href="http://www.ver.state.us/cdmri">http://www.ver.state.us/cdmri</a>	48 semester credit hours of graduate level courses; M.A. or doctoral degree from CDMRI's program or equivalent accredited institution (program containing the requirements of accreditation); 36 graduate credits of course work clearly identified as being from a marriage, couple, or family therapy/systems/relational perspective and supervised internship of 500 hrs of supervised internship or field experience; Specifics found in Rule 4.12.	MFT: No supervised practice may occur within the State of Vermont until the prospective licensee has been endorsed on the roster of non-licensed and non-certified psychotherapists; 3,000 hrs of supervised individual, couple, family, or group therapy from a systems perspective over a minimum of 2 yrs; 2,000 hrs of which must be direct service, 50% of which must be with couples and/or families; the remaining 1,000 hrs must be continued clinical practice or indirect services related to or supporting clinical services; 300 hrs of face to face supervision, at least 500 hrs being in a individual setting of practice.	Minimum of 3 yrs in good standing and licensed practice in the following professions: (a) a licensed marriage and family therapist in Vermont; or (b) a marriage and family therapist in another state who would meet the Vermont licensure requirements; or (c) a licensed clinical social worker in Vermont; or in another state who would meet the Vermont licensure requirements; or (d) future provision, if permitted by statute, the Board may where a qualified marriage and family therapist is not reasonably available, permit a person licensed as a clinical mental health counselor, clinical social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist to serve as the supervisor.	In certain circumstances an applicant may seek licensure on the basis of a current valid license issued by another jurisdiction. See Rules 4.23 and 4.24.	Application fee: \$125; Specifics found in § 4047a.	N/A	MFT: 40 active; licensees	*Refers to only active licensees
Virginia	MFT, Resident in MFT Marriage and Family Therapist, Resident in Marriage and Family Therapy	<a href="http://www.thc.state.va.us">http://www.thc.state.va.us</a> <a href="http://www.ncsl.org">http://www.ncsl.org</a> <a href="http://www.cpa.com">http://www.cpa.com</a>	MFT/Resident in MFT: 60 semester hours; degree obtained from CACREP or CDMARTE approved programs in marriage and family counseling/therapy or equivalent program/institution that meets education and experience requirements; supervised internship of 600 hrs to include 240 hrs of direct client contact, 300 of the internships hrs and 120 of the direct client contact hrs shall be with couples and families; Specific course requirements found in 18VAC115-50-35.	MFT: 4,000 hrs of supervised, post graduate degree work experience in a minimum of 2 yrs, in those 2 yrs an applicant must complete 1,000 hrs of direct client contact of which at least 500 hrs must be with couples and/or families, and 200 hrs of face to face supervision with a licensed supervisor receiving a minimum of 1 hr of supervision per 25 hrs of supervised work experience; Resident in MFT: have completed the specified educational requirements, have completed at least 2 yrs of supervised post graduate degree experience, no fewer than 4,000 hrs of supervised work experience; to include 200 hrs of supervised, received a min of 1 hr of a max of 4 hrs of supervision for every 40 hrs of supervised work experience, no more than 100 hrs of supervision may be acquired through group supervision, or at least 2,000 hrs must be acquired in direct client contact of which 1,000 hrs shall be with couples or families or both.	Applicants need to meet one of the following: (1) Educational requirements specified in 18VAC115 50 50 and 18VAC115 50 55 and experience requirements consistent with those specified in 18VAC 115 50 60; or (2) If the applicant does not have educational and experience credentials consistent with those required by this chapter, he must provide documentation of education and supervised experience that meet the requirements of the jurisdiction in which he was initially licensed and evidence of post licensure clinical practice for five of the last six years immediately preceding his licensure application in Virginia; or (3) In lieu of transcripts verifying education and documentation verifying supervised experience, the board may accept verification from the credentials registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards or any other board recognized entity.	Initial license fee: \$140; Specifics found in 18VAC115 50 20.	N/A	LMTF: 966		
Washington	LMTF, LMFTA Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist/Associate	<a href="http://app.kgw.wa.gov/">http://app.kgw.wa.gov/</a> <a href="http://rela.iafpa.org/">http://rela.iafpa.org/</a> <a href="http://app.kgw.wa.gov/">http://app.kgw.wa.gov/</a> <a href="http://rela.iafpa.org/">http://rela.iafpa.org/</a> 18.225	LMFT/LMFTA: 45 semester hours or 60 quarter credits, M.A or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, or behavioral science master's or doctoral degree with equivalent course work from an approved school; Specific course requirements and program equivalence requirements found in WAC 246-809-121.	LMTF: 3,000 hrs of experience, 1,000 hrs of which must be direct client contact; 500 hrs must be gained in diagnosis and treating couples and families in a min of 2 calendar yrs of full time marriage and family therapy; at least 200 hrs of qualified supervision, 100 of which must be one on one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one on one or group supervision; of the total supervision, 100 hrs must be with a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) who has at least five yrs clinical experience, the other 100 hrs may be with a equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner (LMFTA); pre licensure candidate with a graduate degree in a mental health field that is gaining the experience necessary to become a licensed marriage and family therapist under supervision.	2 yrs of supervised experience as a marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker or psychiatrist in the jurisdiction where the supervision is being provided; document 2 yrs of post licensure MFT experience and have received professional training as specified in 18VAC115 50 40.C.					