

## **MICHIGAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSING GUIDE**

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST (MFT) LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)**

- Graduate from an educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Education (COAMFTE), OR 1) Graduate with a master's or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution that includes a) three courses (at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours) in family studies; b) three courses (at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours) in family therapy methodology; c) three courses (at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours) in human development, personality theory, or psychopathology; d) at least 2 semester or 3 quarter hours in ethics, law and standards of professional practice; e) at least 2 semester or 3 quarter hours in research; and f) an eight-month supervised practicum experience that includes at least 300 direct client contact hours (Item "f" does not apply to those with a doctoral degree from a COAMFTE-accredited program.)
- Complete at least 1,000 hours direct client contact that is obtained post-degree and supervised by a licensed MFT. If the hours are completed in Michigan, an educational limited license should be held while accruing the experience. This requirement does not apply to those with a doctoral degree from a COAMFTE-accredited program.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the MFT by Examination application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417\\_27529\\_27538---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27538---,00.html) with the \$85.85 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required if not previously taken for a Michigan health care license. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
- Pass the National Marital and Family Therapy Examination that is conducted by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB).

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR MFT LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state)**

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the MFT by Endorsement application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417\\_27529\\_27538---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27538---,00.html) with the \$85.85 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
- If licensed in another state for less than five years, must meet the education, experience and examination requirements listed above for License by Examination.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR AN EDUCATIONAL LIMITED MFT LICENSE**

- Meet the same educational requirements listed under License by Examination.
- Complete at least 300 direct client contact hours in supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience in conjunction with educational program. This requirement does not apply to those with a doctoral degree from a COAMFTE-accredited program.
- Submit the Educational Limited MFT application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417\\_27529\\_27538---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27538---,00.html) with the \$85.85 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.