

Current and Incoming OSU MFT Students,

To comply with a new U.S. Department of Education regulation (34 CFR § 668.43(a)5.v.) for institutions enrolling students in programs for which state licensure is required for employment, the OSU Marriage and Family Therapy program is providing students with clarity concerning the sufficiency of program requirements in meeting the licensure requirements in each state.

The following information outlines our *best* determination of whether current OSU MFT program requirements meet or do not meet professional licensure requirements (specifically an application for licensure or qualifying to apply to a licensure associate or candidate status) in other states. The determination for placing a state in each category was made after reviewing state statute requirements for MFT licensure. Many states have provisions for acceptance of applications from graduates of any COAMFTE accredited program. Other states have statutory language requiring applicants to complete courses in specific categories/areas of study, whereby making it difficult to determine whether OSU's MFT courses fulfill the state requirements despite similar course titles outlined in statute requirements. Further, states often have an executive office or state board that reviews course descriptions or syllabi to determine whether the course fulfills the statutory requirements. The requirements for clinical hour completion during graduate study also varies across states, often ranging between 300-500 clinical hours, and varying in how many of clinical hours must be relational.

Although the OSU MFT faculty makes every effort to keep this information current, state requirements may change and/or be updated frequently. The determination for whether the OSU MFT program meets, does not meet, or is undetermined may change without adequate notice to current students, applicants, or incoming students. The information should be used as a general guideline, not an official publication. It is best for students to check current requirements for states of personal interest often while enrolled in the OSU MFT program and work with their faculty advisor to make decisions for enrollment in courses that will ideally fulfill licensure.

M.S. Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy from Oklahoma State University		
<i>*Meets Requirements for Professional Licensure</i>	<i>*Does Not Meet Requirements for Professional Licensure</i>	<i>*Unable to Determine if Program Meets Requirements for Professional Licensure</i>
Arkansas	Alabama	Alaska
Arizona	Maryland	Rhode Island
Colorado	New Mexico	West Virginia
Connecticut	South Carolina	California
Delaware	Virginia	
Florida		
Georgia		
Hawaii		
Idaho		
Illinois		
Indiana		
Iowa		
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana		
Maine		
Massachusetts		
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Mississippi		
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Hampshire		
New Jersey		
New York		
North Carolina		
North Dakota		
Ohio		
Oklahoma		
Oregon		
Pennsylvania		
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
Texas		
Utah		
Vermont		
Washington		
Wisconsin		
Wyoming		

*Determination based on review of state licensure and subject to change with state legislative decisions.

The determination for *Meets Requirements for Professional Licensure* is most often made when states authorize the acceptance of applications from those who graduate from a COAMFTE accredited program and specific courses or categories of courses are not listed as requirements for licensure.

The decision for labeling a state in the “Unable to Determine if Program Meets Requirements for Professional Licensure” category is most frequently based on the state’s statutes that include requirements for applicants to have completed course content in specific areas of study (e.g., a course in family systems, addictions, family therapy theories), which often require a review of course descriptions, title, or syllabi by a committee or board for official approval of the course(s).

The decision for labeling a state in the “Does Not Meet Requirements for Professional Licensure” is most often due to the state requiring specific coursework (e.g., domestic violence, substance abuse, family assessment) to meet state requirements, when the state requires a higher number of credit hours overall, or when a greater number of accrued relational hours are required.

For more information regarding licensure in each state visit the following webpages and consult the specific state regulatory body that governs MFT licensure. Direct links for each state statute may be found within the following sites, however, weblinks often change, so please be aware of this when attempting to locate the exact statutory language for each state.

- www.mft-license.com
- www.behavioralhealthworkforce.org/tableau-embed-new
- www.amftrb.org/licensure-general-info
- <https://amftrb.org/resources/state-licensure-comparison/>

OSU MFT faculty are sincerely interested in your professional success within the program and after graduation. Please consult any of us on questions about the program requirements, course enrollment, and/or your future licensure process.