



Re: Notification of Licensure Preparation

Incoming OSU MFT Students,

To comply with a 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 provisional/associate 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, appears to meet but cannot verify, or does not meet requirements 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.

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States where our program does or does not meet the requirements for provisional/associate licensure.

<i>*Meets Requirements</i>		<i>*Coursework Appears to Align, but Unable to Verify</i>
Arizona	Nevada	Alaska
Colorado	New Hampshire	Hawaii
Connecticut	New Jersey	Indiana
Delaware	New York	Maryland
Florida	North Carolina	Massachusetts
Georgia	North Dakota	New Mexico
Idaho	Ohio	Pennsylvania
Illinois	Oklahoma	Tennessee
Iowa	Oregon	Washington
Kansas	South Carolina	Wyoming
Kentucky	South Dakota	
Michigan	Texas	
Minnesota	Utah	
Mississippi	Vermont	
Missouri	Virginia	
Montana	West Virginia	
Nebraska	Wisconsin	

<i>*Does Not Meet Requirements</i>
Alabama (requires 250 relational hours, 500 direct non-alternative hours)
Arkansas (requires additional 1-credit hour course on Teletherapy)
California (only requires additional CA ethics CEU).
Louisiana (requires 250 relational hours, 500 direct non-alternative hours)
Maine (requires 360 direct contact hours, courses appear to align but cannot verify)
Rhode Island (requires 250 relational hours, 500 direct non-alternative hours, courses appear to align but cannot verify)

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

The determination for “*Meets Requirements for Provisional/ Associate Licensure*” is most often made when states authorize the acceptance of applications from those who graduate from a COAMFTE accredited program as superseding specific practicum or coursework requirements.

The decision for labeling a state in the “*Coursework Appears to Align, but Unable to Verify*” 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). These states do not accept COAMFTE graduates as completing coursework requirements without further documentation.

The decision for labeling a state in the “*Does Not Meet Requirements for Provisional/ Associate 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
- <https://amftrb.org/resources/state-licensure-comparison/>
- [MFT Licensure Requirements - 2023](#)

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.

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