

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY – GENERAL RULES

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(By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145, 16148, 16901, 16903, 16909, and 16913 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16901, 333.16903, 333.16909, and 333.16913, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030)

R 338.7202, R 338.7203, R 338.7205, R 338.7207, R 338.7211, R 338.7213, R 338.7215, and R 338.7219 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended, as follows:

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.7202 Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking; requirements.

Rule 2. (1) Under section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, an individual seeking licensure shall have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that satisfies the following standards:

(a) Training content must cover all the following:

(i) Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in this state or the United States.

(ii) Identifying victims of human trafficking in healthcare settings.

(iii) Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in healthcare settings for adults and minors.

(iv) Identifying resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

(b) Acceptable providers or methods of training include any of the following:

(i) Training offered by a nationally recognized or state-recognized, health-related organization.

(ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency.

(iii) Training obtained in an educational program approved for initial licensure, or by a college or university.

(iv) Reading an article related to the identification of victims of human trafficking that satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a) of this subrule and is published in a peer-reviewed journal, healthcare journal, or professional or scientific journal.

(c) Acceptable modalities of training include any of the following:

- (i) Teleconference or webinar.
- (ii) Online presentation.
- (iii) Live presentation.
- (iv) Printed or electronic media.

(2) The department may select and audit an individual and request documentation of proof of completion of training. If audited by the department, the individual shall provide an acceptable proof of completion of training, including either of the following:

(a) Proof of completion certificate issued by the training provider that includes the date, provider name, name of training, and individual's name.

(b) A self-certification statement by the individual. The certification statement must include the individual's name and either of the following:

(i) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(i) to (iii) of this rule, the date, training provider name, and name of training.

(ii) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(iv) of this rule, the title of article, author, publication name of the peer-reviewed journal, healthcare journal, or professional or scientific journal, and the date, volume, and issue of publication, as applicable.

R 338.7203 Limited license.

Rule 3. (1) An applicant for licensure under section 16903(3) of the code, MCL 333.16903, shall satisfy the requirements of the code, the rules promulgated under the code, and all the following requirements:

(a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of either of the following educational requirements, as specified under section 16909(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of the code, MCL 333.16909:

(i) A master's degree or higher graduate degree from an approved training program in marriage and family therapy that satisfies the accreditation standards under R 338.7211(1).

(ii) A master's degree or higher graduate degree from an approved college or university that satisfies the accreditation standards under R 338.7211(2) or (3) and completed the graduate-level courses in section 16909(1)(a)(ii) of the code, MCL 333.16909.

(c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of a supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience that satisfies the requirements of section 16909(1)(b) of the code, MCL 333.16909, in conjunction with the applicant's educational program. The supervised experience must be obtained either in a clinical practicum during graduate education or in a postgraduate marriage and family institute training program accredited under R 338.7211(2) or (3).

(2) A limited license is renewed annually and may not be renewed more than 5 times.

R 338.7205 Licensure requirements.

Rule 5. An applicant for a marriage and family therapist license shall satisfy the requirements of the code, the rules promulgated under the code, and all the following requirements:

- (a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.
- (b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of either of the following educational requirements, as specified under section 16909(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of the code, MCL 333.16909:
 - (i) A master's degree or higher graduate degree from an approved training program in marriage and family therapy that satisfies the accreditation standards under R 338.7211(1).
 - (ii) A master's degree or higher graduate degree from an approved college or university that satisfies the accreditation standards under R 338.7211(2) or (3) and completed the graduate-level courses in section 16909(1)(a)(ii) of the code, MCL 333.16909.
- (c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of a supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience that satisfies the requirements of section 16909(1)(b) of the code, MCL 333.16909, in conjunction with the applicant's educational program. The supervised experience must be obtained either in a clinical practicum during graduate education or in a postgraduate marriage and family institute training program accredited under R 338.7211(2) or (3).
- (d) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying not less than 1,000 direct client contact hours in a supervised marriage and family therapy experience, as required under section 16909(1)(c) of the code, MCL 333.16909.
- (e) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a passing score on the examination adopted under R 338.7209.

R 338.7207 Examinations; eligibility.

Rule 7. (1) To establish eligibility for the examination under R 338.7209, an applicant shall provide a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the required fee.

(2) To be eligible to sit for the Marital and Family Therapy National Examination, an applicant shall satisfy either R 338.7203(1)(b) and (c) or R 338.7205(b) and (c).

R 338.7211 Adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 11. (1) The accreditation standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) care of COAMFTE, 112 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, in the publication titled "Accreditation Standards Graduate & Post-Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy Training Programs Version 12.5," effective January 1, 2022, which is available at no cost from the commission's website at <https://www.coamfte.org>, are approved and adopted by reference. If a marriage and family therapy educational program is accredited by COAMFTE, it is approved.

(2) The standards for recognition of accrediting organizations developed and adopted by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20036, in the publication titled "CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition," effective October 4, 2021, which are available at no cost on the

council's website at <https://www.chea.org>, are approved and adopted by reference. If a higher education institution is accredited by the accrediting body of the region where the institution is located and the accrediting body satisfies the recognition standards of CHEA, the institution is approved.

(3) The criteria for recognition and the recognition process for the secretary's recognition of accrediting agencies of the United States Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202, in 34 CFR 602.10 to 602.39, effective July 1, 2020, which are available at no cost on the department's website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html>, are approved and adopted by reference. If a higher education institution is accredited by the accrediting body of the region where the institution is located and the accrediting body satisfies the recognition criteria and process of the United States Department of Education, the institution is approved.

(4) Copies of the standards in this rule are available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

R 338.7213 Licensure by endorsement.

Rule 13. (1) An applicant for a marriage and family therapy license by endorsement shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, and all the following requirements:

(a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a current and full marriage and family therapist license in another state or a province of Canada.

(c) If the applicant is licensed as a marriage and family therapist in a province in Canada, provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying that the applicant completed the educational requirements in Canada or the United States for licensure as a marriage and family therapist in Canada or the United States.

(d) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a passing score on either of the following examinations for a marriage and family therapist license in another state or a province of Canada to obtain licensure as a marriage and family therapist in another state or a province of Canada:

(i) The examination adopted under R 338.7209.

(ii) The Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist California Clinical Examination.

(2) An applicant who is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country shall disclose that fact on the application form. The applicant shall satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. If licensure is granted and it is determined that sanctions have been imposed, the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions under section 16174(5) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

R 338.7215 Relicensure.

Rule 15. (1) An applicant may be relicensed within 3 years after the expiration date of the license under section 16201(3) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies the requirements of the code, the rules promulgated under the code, and all the following requirements:

(a) Provides the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes good moral character as that term is defined in, and determined under, 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(2) An applicant may be relicensed more than 3 years after the expiration date of the license under section 16201(4) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies the requirements of the code, the rules promulgated under the code, and all the following requirements:

(a) Provides the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes good moral character as that term is defined in, and determined under, 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Provides fingerprints as required under section 16174(3) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

(d) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying the satisfaction of either of the following requirements:

(i) The applicant held or holds an unrestricted marriage and therapy license in another state or a province of Canada during the 3-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for relicensure.

(ii) Successfully passes the examination adopted under R 338.7209 during the 3-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for relicensure.

(3) An applicant who is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country shall disclose that fact on the application form. The applicant shall satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. If licensure is granted and it is determined that sanctions have been imposed, the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions under section 16174(5) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

R 338.7219 License renewal; requirements.

Rule 19. (1) An applicant for license renewal shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code.

(2) An applicant for license renewal shall provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.