Rule: 801.142. Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions.

Action: Proposed Amendments

Comment: The proposed amendments would require an LMFT Associate who becomes the subject of a complaint to notify their supervisor of the complaint. The amendments also clarify an Associate must file a Supervisory Agreement Form with the Council for each supervisor. The amendments would also require an Associate that receives a remediation plan to share a copy of that plan with any other current or future supervisors.

§801.142. Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions. An applicant for LMFT must complete supervised clinical experience acceptable to the council.

(1) The LMFT Associate must have completed a minimum of two years of work experience in marriage and family therapy, which includes a minimum of 3,000 hours of supervised clinical practice. The required 3,000 hours must include at least 1,500 hours providing direct clinical services, of which:

(A) no more than 750 hours may be provided via technology-assisted services (as approved by the supervisor); and

(B) at least 500 hours must be providing direct clinical services to couples or families.

(2) The remaining required hours, not covered by paragraph (1) above, may come from related experiences, including workshops, public relations, writing case notes, consulting with referral sources, etc.

(3) An LMFT Associate must obtain a minimum of 200 hours of supervision by an LMFT-S during the required 3,000 hours, and at least 100 of these hours must be individual supervision.

(A) An LMFT Associate, when providing services, must receive a minimum of one hour of supervision every week, except for good cause shown.

(B) Supervision may be provided in person or by live video or, if the supervisor determines that in-person or live video supervision is not accessible, by telephone.

(C) An LMFT Associate may apply up to 100 graduate internship supervision hours toward the required 200 hours of supervision required for licensure as an LMFT.

(4) For an LMFT applicant who begins the graduate degree program used for their license application before September 1, 2025, staff may count graduate internship hours exceeding the requirements set in §801.114(b)(8) of this title toward the minimum requirement of at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical practice under the following conditions.

(A) No more than 500 excess graduate internship hours, of which no more than 250 hours may be direct clinical services to couples or families, completed under a Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) accredited graduate program may be counted toward the minimum requirement of at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical practice.

(B) No more than 400 excess graduate internship hours, of which no more than 200 hours may be direct clinical services to couples or families, completed under a non-COAMFTE-accredited graduate program may be counted toward the minimum requirement of at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical practice.

(5) An LMFT Associate may practice marriage and family therapy in any setting under supervision, such as a private practice, public or private agencies, hospitals, etc.

(6) During the post-graduate, supervised clinical experience, both the supervisor and the LMFT Associate may have disciplinary actions taken against their licenses for violations of the Act, the Council Act, or council rules. If an LMFT Associate is informed of a pending complaint against them, they must notify each of their supervisors of the complaint.

(7) Within 30 days of initiating ~~the initiation of~~ supervision with any LMFT supervisor, an LMFT Associate must submit to the council a Supervisory Agreement Form ~~for each council approved supervisor~~.

(8) An LMFT Associate may have no more than two LMFT ~~council-approved~~ supervisors at a time, unless given prior approval by the council or its designee.

(9) Applicants with a master's degree that qualifies under §§801.112 and 801.113 of this title, may count any supervision and experience (e.g., practicum, internship, externship) completed after conferral of the master's degree and as part of a doctoral program, toward the supervision and experience requirements set out in §801.142. A doctoral program must lead to a degree that qualifies under §§801.112 and 801.113 of this title, before the Council will award credit for supervision and experience under this provision.

(10) If an LMFT Associate receives a remediation plan, as described in §801.143(f)(4) of this title, the Associate must provide a copy of the remediation plan to any other current or future supervisors, as well as any relevant documentation regarding successful completion of the plan.