

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY – GENERAL RULES

By authority conferred on the director of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs by sections 16145(3) and 16109 of 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145(3) and 333.16109 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-1, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 330.3101, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030)

R 338.7201 Definitions.

Rule 1. (1) As used in these rules:

- (a) "Board" means the board of marriage and family therapy.
 - (b) "Code" means 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 et seq.
 - (c) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (2) As used in section 16903(3)(d) of the code, "organized health care setting or other arrangement" means any of the following:
- (a) A health facility or agency as defined in section 20106(1) of the code.
 - (b) A mental hospital or psychiatric hospital as defined in R 330.1201(f).
 - (c) A training institute.
 - (d) A court family counseling service.
 - (e) A church counseling program.
 - (f) A marriage and family therapy practice.
 - (g) A governmental agency.
 - (h) A private practice of a fully licensed mental health practitioner or certified social worker.
- (3) The terms defined in the code have the same meanings when used in these rules.

History: 1998-2000 AACCS; 2012 AACCS.

R 338.7203 Limited license.

Rule 3. (1) An individual applying for an educational limited license under section 16903(3) of the code shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, an individual applying for an educational limited license shall comply with both of the following:

- (a) Meet either of the following educational requirements, as specified under section 16909(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of the code:
 - (i) Possess a master's degree or higher graduate degree from a board-approved training program in marriage and family therapy that complies with the accreditation standards in R 338.7211(1).

(ii) Possess a master's degree or higher graduate degree from a board-approved college or university that meets the accreditation standards in R 338.7211(2) and complete the graduate-level courses in section 16909(1)(a)(ii) of the code.

(b) Complete a supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience, as specified under section 16909(1)(b) of the code, in conjunction with the applicant's educational program. The supervised experience shall 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(3).

History: 1998-2000 AACCS; 2012 AACCS.

R 338.7205 Licensure requirements.

Rule 5. An applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, an applicant for licensure shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(a) Meet either of the following educational requirements, as specified under section 16909(1)(a) of the code:

(i) Possess a master's degree or higher graduate degree earned from a board-approved training program in marriage and family therapy that complies with the accreditation standards in R 338.7211(1).

(ii) Possess a master's degree or higher graduate degree from a board-approved college or university that meets the accreditation standards in R 338.7211(2) and complete the graduate-level courses in section 16909(1)(a)(ii) of the code.

(b) Complete a supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience that meets the requirements of section 16909(1)(b) of the code, in conjunction with the applicant's educational program. The supervised experience shall 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(3).

(c) Obtain 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.

(d) Pass the national examination in marital and family therapy with a passing score established by the association of marital and family therapy regulatory boards.

History: 1998-2000 AACCS; 2012 AACCS.

R 338.7207 Examinations; eligibility.

Rule 7. (1) To assure eligibility for the examination, an applicant shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(2) To be eligible to sit for the examination in marital and family therapy, an applicant shall comply with either R 338.7203(2)(a) and (b) or R 338.7205(a) and (b).

History: 1998-2000 AACCS; 2012 AACCS.

R 338.7209 Examination adoption.

Rule 9. The board approves and adopts the national examination in marital and family therapy that is conducted and scored by the association of marriage and family therapy regulatory boards. The passing score for the national marital and family therapy examination is the passing score established by the association of marital and family therapy regulatory boards.

History: 1998-2000 AACCS; 2012 AACCS.

R 338.7211 Adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 11. (1) The board adopts by reference the accreditation standards of the commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy education for graduate and post-graduate marriage and family therapy training programs. The standards are set forth in the publication entitled "Accreditation Standards, Version 11.0," Adopted November 2005, which is available at no cost from the commission's website at <http://www.aamft.org/about/coamfte/aboutcoamfte.asp>. Copies of the standards also are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) A higher education institution is considered approved by the board if it is accredited by the accrediting body of the region in which the institution is located and the accrediting body meets either the recognition standards and criteria of the council for higher education accreditation or the recognition procedures and criteria of the U.S. department of education. The board adopts by reference the procedures and criteria for recognizing accrediting agencies of the U. S. department of education, effective July 1, 2000, as contained in Title 34, Part 602 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the "Recognition of Accrediting Organizations, Policies and Procedures of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, CHEA," effective June 28, 2010. Copies of the policies and procedures of the council for higher education accreditation as well as the procedures and criteria of the U.S. department of education are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. The chea recognition standards may also be obtained at no cost from the council's website at http://www.chea.org/recognition/CHEA_Recognition_Policy_and_Procedures.pdf. The federal recognition criteria may also be obtained at no cost from website for the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, at <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred>.

(3) The board adopts by reference the standards of the following postsecondary accrediting organizations, which are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. Copies of the following standards may be obtained from the individual accrediting organization at the identified cost:

(a) The standards of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, set forth in the document entitled "Becoming Accredited, Handbook for Applicants & Candidates for Accreditation," effective March 1, 2009, which is available free of charge on the association's website at <http://www.msche.org>.

(b) The standards of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, 209 Burlington Road, Suite 201, Bedford, MA 07130, in the document entitled "Standards for Accreditation," 2005 edition, which is available at no cost on the association's website at <http://cihe.neasc.org>.

(c) The standards of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, set forth in the document entitled "Handbook of Accreditation," Third Edition, which is available for no cost on the association's website <http://www.ncahlc.org/information-for-institutions/obtaining-accreditation.html>.

(d) The standards of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052 set forth in the document entitled "Accreditation Standards," adopted 2010, which are available at no cost on the association's website at <http://www.nwccu.org>.

(e) The standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033, set forth in the document entitled "Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement," 2010 Edition, which is available at no cost on the association's website at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>.

(f) The standards of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, The Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, set forth in the document entitled "Handbook of Accreditation," October 2008, which is available at no cost on the commission's website at <http://www.wascenior.org/findit/files/forms/Handbook of Accreditation 2008 with hyperlinks.pdf>.

(g) The standards of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949 set forth in the document entitled "Accreditation Reference Handbook," August 2009, which is available at no cost on the commission's website at <http://www.accjc.org>.

History: 1998-2000 AACCS; 2012 AACCS.

Editor's Note: An obvious error in R 338.7211 was corrected at the request of the promulgating agency, pursuant to Section 56 of 1969 PA 306, as amended by 2000 PA 262, MCL 24.256. The rule containing the error was published in *Annual Administrative Code Supplement*, 2012. The memorandum requesting the correction was published in *Michigan Register*, 2014 MR 8.

R 338.7213 Licensure by endorsement.

Rule 13. (1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. An

applicant for licensure by endorsement who satisfies all of the requirements of this rule shall be deemed to meet the requirements of section 16186(1)(a) and (b) of the code.

(2) If an applicant was licensed in another state before December 31, 1999, and has been engaged in the practice of marriage and family therapy for not less than 5 years before the date of filing an application for Michigan licensure, then it will be presumed that the applicant meets the requirements of section 16186(1)(a) and (b) of the code.

(3) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of subrule (2) of this rule, then the applicant, in addition to meeting the requirements of section 16909 of the code, shall have been licensed in another state after having passed an examination under R 338.7209.

(4) An applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a marriage and family therapist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 1998-2000 AACS; 2012 AACS.

R 338.7215 Relicensure.

Rule 15. An applicant whose license has been lapsed for more than 3 years may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code upon submitting a completed application on form provided by the department together with the requisite fee and meeting either of the following requirements:

(a) Possess a current unrestricted license in another state of the United States. An applicant shall provide for his or her license to be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a marriage and family therapist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

(b) Document that the applicant has achieved a passing score on the examination approved under R 338.7209.

History: 1998-2000 AACS; 2012 AACS.

R 338.7217 Rescission.

Rule 17. R 338.1841 to R 338.1844 and R 338.1861 of the Michigan Administrative Code, appearing on pages 2509 and 2510 of the 1979 Michigan Administrative Code, are rescinded.

History: 1998-2000 AACS.