

Chapter 19. Board of Marital and Family Therapy.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 19.110(d) is amended to read:

(d) To show fulfillment of the training requirement **set out under** [IN]

AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(D), the applicant **shall** [MUST] document at least six contact hours of training related to domestic violence in **course work** [COURSES] approved by the board under **12 AAC 19.320(b)(1) - (5)** [12 AAC 19.320(b)(1) - (7)].

12 AAC 19.110(f) is amended to read:

(f) An applicant may substitute post-degree **course work** [COURSES] or practice as allowed in 12 AAC 19.120 to meet the course of study requirements **set out under** [IN] AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (vi).

12 AAC 19.110(g) is amended to read:

(g) To be scheduled for and **to** take an examination, an applicant **shall** [MUST] meet the requirements of this section. An **applicant who has been** [INDIVIDUAL] approved **for a license for supervised practice** by the board under AS 08.63.110 [FOR A LICENSE FOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE] may **request a test number from the department and** schedule [AND TAKE] the Professional Examination Service's Examination in Marital and Family Therapy by **means of electronic mail** [FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT A COMPLETE APPLICATION SHOWING FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), AND (3)(A) AND (B)].

(Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 8/24/2002, Register 163; am 1/2/2014, Register 209; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; em am 5/8/2020 - 9/4/2020, Register 234; am 11/17/2020, Register 236; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050 AS 08.63.100 AS 08.63.120

12 AAC 19.120 is amended to read:

12 AAC 19.120. Substitution of post-degree course work [COURSES] or practice.

(a) The board **may** [WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] accept post-degree course work [COURSES] to satisfy the course of study requirements set out under AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (vi) [IN AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (a)(3)(B)(vi)] if the substituted course work

(1) meets [THE SUBSTITUTED COURSES MEET] the requirements set out under 12 AAC 19.320(a) and (b)(1) or (2) [OF 12 AAC 19.320(a) AND (b)(1) - (4)];

(2) is [THE SUBSTITUTED COURSES ARE] in the same subject area as the educational requirement for which the substituted course work is submitted [THEY ARE BEING SUBSTITUTED]; and

(3) [THE SUBSTITUTED COURSE] hours are equivalent to the required hours of course work for [OF] the educational requirement for which the substituted course work is submitted, as set out under [THEY ARE BEING SUBSTITUTED AS DETERMINED BY] 12 AAC 19.310(d).

(b) The board **may** [WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] accept post-degree practice as a marital and family therapist to satisfy the course of study requirements set out under AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (iii) [LISTED IN AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (a)(3)(B)(iii)] as

follows: [;]

(1) three years of continuous practice is equivalent to [ONE COURSE OR] three semester **hours** or four quarter hours of course work;

(2) the same three years of practice may not be used to substitute for more than **three semester hours or four quarter hours of course work** [ONE COURSE].

(c) An applicant **who wishes** [WISHING] to substitute post-degree **course work** [COURSES] or practice for a course of study requirement **set out under AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (vi)** [IN AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(i) - (a)(3)(B)(vi)] shall submit **a completed equivalency worksheet** to the board [A COMPLETED EQUIVALENCY WORKSHEET] on a form provided by the department. (Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am ___ / ___ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050 **AS 08.63.100** [AS 08.63.100(b)]

The introductory language of 12 AAC 19.130(a) is amended to read:

12 AAC 19.130. Supervised experience. (a) The board **may** [WILL, IN ITS DISCRETION,] approve the supervised experience of an applicant to satisfy the requirements of **AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(vi) and (C)(ii)** [AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(vi) AND (a)(3)(C)(ii)] if the supervisor

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(Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 6/24/2012, Register 202; am ___ / ___ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050 AS 08.63.100

12 AAC 19.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) The board will extend a license for the supervised practice of marital and family therapy if the license holder demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that an extension is necessary for the holder to complete the supervised experience set out under AS 08.63.100 due to reasonable cause or excusable neglect. (Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; em am 5/8/2020 - 9/4/2020, Register 234; am 11/17/2020, Register 236; am ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050 AS 08.63.110 AS 08.63.120

12 AAC 19.320(b) is amended to read:

(b) The following continuing education activities are acceptable if they are related to marital and family therapy in accordance with (a) of this section:

(1) postgraduate **course work** [COURSES] given by a regionally accredited academic institution, either audited or for credit;

(2) [COURSES OFFERED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY];

(3) COURSES OFFERED BY THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY;

(4)] seminars, workshops, or mini-courses offered by professional organizations;

(3) [(5)] cross-disciplinary courses, seminars, or workshops in the fields of medicine, law, behavioral sciences, ethics, or other disciplines;

(4) [(6)] courses, seminars, or workshops in substance abuse, domestic violence, cross-cultural issues, gender issues, or child abuse;

(5) [(7)] other courses not covered under **(1) - (4)** [(1) — (6)] of this subsection

that are specifically preapproved by the board, up to a maximum of 15 contact hours;

(6) [(8)] first-time preparation and presentation of a marital and family therapy course, seminar, or workshop, up to a maximum of 10 contact hours allocated among all marital and family therapists and other professionals involved; **and**

(7) [(9)] first-time presentation or publication of an article or book chapter related to the practice of marital and family therapy that was presented at a state or national association meeting or published by a publisher recognized by the profession, up to a maximum of 10 contact hours allocated among all marital and family therapists and other professionals involved
[; AND

(10) COMPLETION OF A FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM, VIDEO TAPE PROGRAM, AUDIO CASSETTE PROGRAM, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL STUDY PROGRAM; THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT AWARDED WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD USING THE CONTACT HOUR STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN 12 AAC 19.310(d)(1), NOT TO EXCEED ONE-HALF OF THE TOTAL CONTACT HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL UNDER 12 AAC 19.310; A PROGRAM UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS ACCEPTABLE ONLY IF

(A) THE PROGRAM REQUIRES REGISTRATION AND PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION; OR

(B) THE LICENSEE SUBMITS A SIGNED STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT THE LICENSEE HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM FROM A LICENSEE WHO IS A SUPERVISOR APPROVED UNDER 12 AAC 19.210 AND HAS SUPERVISED THE LICENSEE'S STUDY PROGRAM UNDER THIS

PARAGRAPH].

12 AAC 19.320 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) Continuing education contact hours may be received either synchronously or through individual study. Individual study

(1) may not exceed more than one-half of the requirements for renewal;

(2) may be conducted through completion of

(A) a formal correspondence program;

(B) asynchronous video or streaming; or

(C) another individual study program; and

(3) will only be accepted if

(A) the program requires registration and provides evidence of successful completion; or

(B) the licensee submits a signed statement verifying that the licensee has successfully completed the program from a licensee who is a supervisor approved under 12 AAC 19.210 and has supervised the licensee's study program under this subsection.

(Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 6/21/97, Register 142; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050 AS 08.63.100

12 AAC 19.340(c) is repealed:

(c) Repealed ___/___/_____. [IN THIS SECTION, "REASONABLE CAUSE OR EXCUSABLE NEGLIGENCE" INCLUDES

- (1) CHRONIC ILLNESS;
- (2) RETIREMENT;
- (3) MILITARY SERVICE;
- (4) LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM ACTIVE PRACTICE DURING THE

CONCLUDING LICENSING PERIOD; AND

- (5) HARDSHIPS RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD]. (Eff. 6/21/97, Register

142; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050 AS 08.63.100

12 AAC 19.990(4) is amended to read:

- (4) "one year of supervised clinical practice" means **a minimum of 12 months of active clinical practice;** [ONE ACADEMIC YEAR.]

12 AAC 19.990(5) is amended to read:

- (5) **"asynchronous"** ["ASYNCHRONOUS," WITH REGARD TO AN INTERACTION,] means [THE TRANSMISSION OF A CLIENT'S INFORMATION FROM AN ORIGINATING SITE TO A LICENSED MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST AT A DISTANT SITE NOT OCCURRING AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME;] no real-time communication is present or **utilized** [ABLE];

12 AAC 19.990(9) is amended to read:

- (9) **"synchronous"** ["SYNCHRONOUS," WITH REGARD TO AN INTERACTION,] means a real-time interaction **in person or by live streaming;** [BETWEEN A

CLIENT AND A LICENSED MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST OCCURRING AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME, DURING WHICH THE CLIENT AND THERAPIST ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IN REAL TIME.]

12 AAC 19.990 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(10) "jurisdiction" means a state or territory of the United States, unless the context requires otherwise;

(11) "reasonable cause or excusable neglect" includes

(A) chronic illness;

(B) retirement;

(C) military service;

(D) a leave of absence from active practice during the concluding licensing period; or

(E) a hardship recognized by the board. (Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 4/24/2016, Register 218; am 6/22/2019, Register 230; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.63.050

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