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MFT TRAINEE & ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST SUPERVISOR INFORMATION & QUALIFICATIONS

A licensed mental health professional who provides supervision to a Marriage and Family Therapist Trainee, Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT) or applicant who is pursuing licensure must meet certain minimum qualifications. This document is a summary. For complete information, please review the [Statutes and Regulations](#) pertaining to LMFT licensure.

Requirements Applicable to ALL Supervisors

- Possess a current and active California license that is not under suspension or probation as one of the following:
 - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
 - Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
 - Licensed Educational Psychologist (LEP)*
 - Licensed Clinical Psychologist
 - Licensed Physician and Surgeon certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
- Have been licensed in California or any other state for at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision.
- Have practiced psychotherapy during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision (or, if an LEP, has provided psychological counseling pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4989.14) **OR**
- Provided direct supervision to MFT Trainees, AMFTs, Associate Professional Clinical Counselors, or Associate Clinical Social Workers who perform psychotherapy during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision. Supervision of psychotherapy performed by a student shall be accepted if substantially equivalent to the supervision required for registrants.
- Sign and comply with required supervision-related forms.

**LEPs may only supervise the provision of educationally related mental health services consistent with the LEP scope of practice described in BPC section 4989.14, up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.*

Supervisor Training Requirements for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs

LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs who commence supervision for the first time on or after January 1, 2022 must complete a minimum of 15 hours of supervision training that meets the course provider and course content requirements specified in regulation within 60 days of commencement of supervision. Six hours of continuing professional development in supervision is required for all supervisors each renewal cycle thereafter.

NOTE: Licensed Clinical Psychologists and Psychiatrists are exempt from these requirements.

Helpful Links - BBS Website

[Supervisor Resources](#)

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