

# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

## **Professional Licensure State by State Chart** Master of Arts in Couples and Family Therapy

### **Professional Licensure Disclosures**

States vary in what is required to be licensed as a marriage and family therapist (LMFT) and how licensure is acquired. Some states might require that an individual simply graduate from an accredited program. Others might require individuals to obtain additional coursework, additional fieldwork, background checks, passage of additional state licensing exams, additional fees, or other requirements.

While students who graduate from Seattle University's MACFT will typically possess the minimum educational qualifications to apply for Washington licensure, this may not be the case for other U.S. states and territories.

This chart provides guidance on whether the education students receive at Seattle University's MACFT program will prepare them for the applicable licensing in a particular state.

Additional information and resources can be found on the [AAMFT webpage](#).

### **Possible Changes to Requirements**

While this page is reviewed and updated annually, state licensure requirements are subject to change. We strongly encourage you to check with the state licensing board where you intend to seek licensure and practice to confirm all licensing requirements; make sure you understand and consider the implications of the additional requirements prior to enrolling in a program intended to lead to professional licensure.

When speaking to state boards, you may state that you intend to graduate from a COAMFTE accredited program that requires 56 quarter credits and 400 clinical hours, including 200 relational hours. Ask if this meets your state's criteria for licensure or associate licensure as a marriage and family therapist (LMFT)? Should I be aware of any other requirements (other than coursework and clinical hours)?

As of January 1, 2022, COAMFTE transitioned to Accreditation Standards V12.5, which significantly altered minimum program and clinical expectations for accredited programs. Thus, states may be in the process of updating their licensing requirements to align with revised COAMFTE standards.

## Relocating to Another State

Students must remain in Washington State throughout the duration of the program.

State with Hyperlink to Requirements	MACFT Meets Curriculum/ Clinical <i>*If no, see notes</i>	Curriculum Notes	Clinical Notes
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	Yes / No		Must have 500 clinical hours with 250 of those relational
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	Yes / Yes		Requires a Plan of Supervision
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	No / Yes	Program must have 60 semester hours or 80 quarter credit hours - can petition board to accept COAMFTE requirements	
<a href="#">California</a>	No / No	Additional coursework required, including CA-specific law and ethics required	Must have at least 500 clinical hours
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Florida</a>	Yes / Yes		National Exam Required
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	Yes / No		500 Clinical hours; 2-3 years post masters experience
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	Yes/Yes		
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	No / Yes		
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#">Maine</a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	No / Yes	Program must have 60 semester or 80 quarter credit hours (45 hours specific coursework required)	

<a href="#"><u>Massachusetts</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>Michigan</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Minnesota</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Mississippi</u></a>	Yes / No		Must have at least 500 clinical hours
<a href="#"><u>Missouri</u></a>	Yes / No		Must have at least 500 clinical hours
<a href="#"><u>Montana</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Nebraska</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Nevada</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>New Hampshire</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>New Jersey</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>New Mexico</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>New York</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>North Carolina</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>North Dakota</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Ohio</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Oklahoma</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Oregon</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Pennsylvania</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>Rhode Island</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>South Carolina</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>South Dakota</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>Tennessee</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Texas</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Utah</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Vermont</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Virginia</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>Washington</u></a>	Yes / Yes		

<a href="#"><u>West Virginia</u></a>	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
<a href="#"><u>Wisconsin</u></a>	Yes / Yes		
<a href="#"><u>Wyoming</u></a>	Yes / Yes		

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