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

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

West Virginia	No / Yes	Programs must have 60 semester credits or 80 quarter credits	
Wisconsin	Yes / Yes		
Wyoming	Yes / Yes		

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