

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 27 COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**  
**PART 22 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST (LAMFT)**

**16.27.22.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department Counseling and Therapy Practice Board

[16.27.22.1 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.2 SCOPE:** All individuals applying for licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist.

[16.27.22.2 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Counselor and Therapist Practice Act, ~~[Section 61-9A-3 through 61-9A-7 NMSA 1978]~~ Sections 61-9A-1, 61-9A-3, 61-9A-5 through 61-9A-7, 61-9A-9, 61-9A-12, 61-9A-23, and 61-9A-24 NMSA 1978.

[16.27.22.3 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.4 DURATION:** Permanent

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**16.27.22.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 10, 2006, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[16.27.22.5 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 10 is to state the minimum requirements for licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist and list the documentation required for application.

[16.27.22.6 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]

**16.27.22.8 SUPERVISION:**

**A.** Supervision must be provided by a licensed professional clinical mental health counselor (LPCC), licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), licensed professional art therapist (LPAT), licensed psychologist, licensed psychiatrist, licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), or licensed independent social worker (LISW) who holds a supervision designation issued by the Counseling and Therapy Practice Board.

**B.** It is the responsibility of the individual seeking supervision to assure the supervision is acceptable for the level of licensure. The relationship between the supervisor and the applicant must promote the development of skill and responsibility in the delivery of counseling or therapy services.

**C.** Client contact and supervision hours prior to being licensed will not be accepted for licensure.

**D.** Supervised contact hours will become invalid if obtained more than five years prior to submission for independent LPCC licensure.

[16.27.22.8 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.9 LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST (LAMFT):**

**A.** LAMFT is intended as a transition between the required degree and the completion of supervised training required for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. Work must be under appropriate clinical supervision. Applicants must assure that their education and experience are appropriate for the level of licensure. There is no time limit as a licensed associate marriage and family therapist, but all work at this level must be done under clinical supervision.

**B.** Qualifications for entry-level licensure. An applicant for licensure as an entry-level licensed associate marriage and family therapist (LAMFT) must possess the following qualifications:

- (1) be at least 21 years of age; and
- (2) applicant must sign a statement provided in the application indicating the applicant has read the code of ethics and agrees to be bound and governed by the code of ethics; and
- (3) hold a masters or doctoral degree in a counseling related field from an accredited institution; and

- (4) have arranged for appropriate clinical supervision, including a postgraduate experience plan, which includes one hour of face-to-face supervision for every 10 hours of client contact; and
  - (5) meet the marriage and family clinical core curriculum.
- [16.27.22.9 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.10 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:**

- A. a completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC; and
  - B. the applicant is required to submit an official transcript in a sealed envelope from each institution contributing to the applicant's master or doctoral degree; the transcript ~~[must be submitted with the application]~~ may be submitted electronically directly by the issuing institution to the board's e-mail address, in their original and sealed envelope with the application, or mailed directly to the board office by the issuing institution. Applicants who have just graduated with an appropriate degree field, and whose degrees have not yet been conferred by their university, may submit the following documentation in while awaiting official transcripts to become available:
    - a) A verification letter from a university official verifying
      - (1) their degree program;
      - (2) that all courses have been completed and they have earned passing grades;
      - (3) their degrees will be conferred by the university; and
    - b) A receipt verifying that they have ordered their transcripts to be sent to the board office once their degree is conferred; and
  - C. a statement from each supervisor in a sealed envelope on a form provided by the board (attachment C) verifying the applicant has arranged for appropriate clinical supervision, supervised experience and setting forth the nature and extent of such supervision must be submitted with the application; and
  - D. applicant must complete and meet the marriage and family core curriculum (form D); and
  - E. application fee of \$75.00 as provided for in Part 17.
- [16.27.22.10 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**16.27.22.11 EXAMINATION:** Applicants must demonstrate professional competency by passing national marriage and family therapy professional examination (PES). Applicants who fail the PES exam three times shall be prohibited from taking the exam for one year following the third failure. Should the applicant fail the required examination three times, the board shall not issue another temporary license for that application for license. No prior clinical supervision or clinical hours shall be applied toward the reapplication for license. Upon passing the requisite examination, the applicant holding the temporary LAMFT shall be issued the LAMFT license so that the applicant may continue to practice under supervision and acquire the requisite clinical hours and supervision for the independent LMFT license.

[16.27.22.11 NMAC - N, 2/10/2006]

**HISTORY OF 16.27.22 NMAC: [RESERVED]**