

## Update #2 Regarding MFT Approved Schools November 16, 2007

In 2007, the Governor signed two pieces of legislation to address the sunset of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE):

### **Assembly Bill 1525 (Cook)**

This legislation temporarily extends school approvals formerly issued by the BPPVE until July 1, 2008 for schools that had a valid approval to operate as of June 30, 2007. This legislation is intended to allow schools to retain their approvals for the purpose of interpreting laws that require graduation from a BPPVE-approved school as a qualification for registration or licensure. This bill became effective immediately on July 12, 2007 and applies retroactively to July 1, 2007. AB 1525 also extends other student protections.

### **Senate Bill 45 (Perata)**

This bill extends by six months (until January 1, 2009), institutional approvals necessary to preserve an applicant's ability to qualify for registration or licensure. This bill extends the provisions of AB 1525 and does a number of other things, including establishing a Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs that will begin operations when a larger reform bill is passed. SB 45 will take effect on January 1, 2008.

**For further details regarding this and other related legislation, please contact your school or check for updates on the Department of Consumer Affairs' web site at [www.bppve.ca.gov](http://www.bppve.ca.gov).**

*What does this mean for a person whose degree was or will be conferred on or after July 1, 2007?*

If your school's BPPVE approval was still in effect on June 30, 2007; your degree was or will be conferred on or after July 1, 2007 and before January 2, 2009; and, if your degree meets all other qualifications, it will be accepted for Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Intern registration and licensure.

*What does this mean for prospective students considering entering a MFT program?*

The legislative provisions relating to BPPVE approvals expires on January 2, 2009. If you are considering entering a degree program at a non-accredited school, we strongly suggest that you monitor the progress of reform legislation, both Senate Bill 823 (Perata) and Assembly Bill 1182 (Niello).