

Board of Behavioral Sciences
Changes to LMFT Experience Requirements effective January 1, 2012
SB 363 Sections Affected

Section	Previous Version	Changes Effective 1/1/12
4980.01	States that the LMFT law does not constrict various practice acts, such as the practice act for LCSWs or medical doctors.	Includes the practice of LPCCs as one of the practices LMFT law does not constrict.
4980.03	LPCCs cannot supervise MFT interns.	LPCCs can supervise MFT interns, but they must first meet the additional training and education requirements of Section 4999.20.
4980.36	An MFT trainee must be enrolled in a practicum course while counseling clients.	An MFT student must be enrolled in a practicum course while counseling clients except as specified in Section 4980.42, which states that trainees may counsel clients while not enrolled in a practicum course if the period of lapsed enrollment is less than 90 calendar days, and if that period is immediately preceded and immediately followed by enrollment in a practicum course.
4980.42	Trainees may gain experience outside the required practicum	Trainees may gain experience outside the required practicum but must be enrolled in a practicum course to counsel clients. Trainees may only counsel clients when not enrolled in a practicum course if the period of lapsed enrollment is less than 90 calendar days, and is immediately preceded and immediately followed by enrollment in a practicum course.
4980.43	LMFT applicant may have not more than 1,250 hours of experience in direct supervisor contact, professional enrichment activities, and client centered advocacy. An LMFT applicant may not have more than 250 hours of experience with psychological tests, writing clinical reports/progress notes/process notes.	For all hours gained on or after January 1, 2012, LMFT applicant may not have more than 1,000 hours of experience in direct supervisor contact or professional enrichment activities. An LMFT applicant may not have more than 500 hours of experience with psychological tests, writing clinical reports/progress notes/process notes and client centered advocacy.