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APPLICATION FOR

**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST REGISTRATION**

In-State* Applicant

➡ *Apply within 90 days of graduation** to count experience hours gained in California immediately after graduating*

See [90-day Rule FAQ](#) on the Board's website for details

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT). Included in this packet are the following forms and documents:

1. Application Instructions
2. Application Checklist
3. Important Information for Applicants
4. Application for Registration as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
5. In-State Degree Program Certification – Form A
6. In-State Degree Program Certification – Form B
7. Important Live Scan Information and Instructions
8. Request for Live Scan Service Form

****In-State*** means an applicant with a degree from a school located within California, or from an online program that is designed to meet California's requirements.

*****Per the degree award date posted on your transcript***

➡ **Do NOT submit pre-degree experience hours with this application.**
Submit your hours AFTER all experience has been completed.

APPLICATION FOR
**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPIST
(AMFT) REGISTRATION**



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

In-State Applicants

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your completed application to: Board of Behavioral Sciences
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S200
Sacramento, CA 95834

- ➡ **Use only one clip to hold your application and fee together.** Staples and paperclips interfere with your application being scanned.
- ➡ **Do not attach multiple applications together.** Each application should be clipped separately or provided in separate envelopes with a separate fee attached to each.

➡ **Avoid delays! Use the included Application Checklist and read all instructions closely. This will help you submit a complete application and avoid deficiencies.**

➡ If you are applying for a SUBSEQUENT (second or third) AMFT registration, use the [Application for Subsequent AMFT Registration Number](#).

EXPEDITED REVIEW

The Board will expedite the licensure process for the following applicants who meet the qualifications specified on the forms linked below (*all expedite forms are available at www.bbs.ca.gov>Applicants>LMFT>Forms/Pubs*):

- **Active-duty military members.** Download the form [here](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.
- **Honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces or the California National Guard.** Download the form [here](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.
- **Spouses/Partners of persons on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces assigned to a duty station in California.** A \$150 fee waiver is also available to these applicants. Download the form [here](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.
- **Refugees / Asylees / Special Immigrant Status Holders ("SI" or "SQ").** Download the form [here](#) and include it ON TOP OF your application.

PROOF OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

If you would like to know whether the Board has received your application, mail your application using a method that includes tracking. You can also check with your bank to see if your check or money order has been cashed by the Board.

A. APPLICATION

Instructions	Document(s) Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete all sections of the <i>Application for Associate Professional Clinical Counselor Registration</i>. The application may be typed or completed in ink.Sign the application in ink (wet signature) or electronically. An electronic signature will be accepted if completed via an electronic signature platform such as Adobe Sign or DocuSign which ensures security and authenticity.You must use your legal name. Your “legal name” is the name established legally by your birth certificate, marriage or domestic partnership certificate, or divorce decree (for example).<u>Email Address</u>: Provide your email address if you have one. This address is not subject to public disclosure.	Completed and signed Application for Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration

B. FEE

Instructions	Document(s) Required
Attach a \$150.00 check or money order made payable to the Behavioral Sciences Fund. This is an earned fee for evaluation of your application and is NOT REFUNDABLE.	\$150.00 check or money order payable to the Behavioral Sciences Fund
<u>Out-of-State Fingerprinting Fee:</u> Attach a \$49 fee if ONLY you are submitting fingerprint “hard cards” due to being fingerprinted outside of California (<i>see next page for details</i>).	If submitting fingerprint “hard cards” also attach a \$49 check or money order payable to the Behavioral Sciences Fund

C. FINGERPRINTS

Instructions	Document(s) Required
<p>NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR <u>BOTH</u> AMFT AND APCC REGISTRATION YOU ONLY NEED TO SUBMIT ONE SET OF FINGERPRINTS.</p> <p>The Board requires a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history background check on all applicants.</p> <p><u>If you currently reside in California:</u> Read the <i>Instructions for Live Scan Fingerprinting</i> and complete the <i>Request for Live Scan Service</i> form included in this application packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information on your Live Scan form must match the information you provide on your application. DO NOT COMPLETE FINGERPRINTS MORE THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION. Fingerprint results without an application on file will <u>only</u> be held for 6 months. <p><u>If you currently reside out of state:</u> You must use the "hard card" fingerprint method unless you can access a California Live Scan Service operator. To request fingerprint hard cards, send an email to BBS.Fingerprint@dca.ca.gov with "Fingerprint Hard Cards" in the subject line, and we will mail them to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR TWO COMPLETED FINGERPRINT CARDS TO THE BOARD <u>WITH</u> YOUR APPLICATION. <i>Sending fingerprints and/or the \$49 fee separate from your application will cause a delay with the approval of your application.</i> DOJ processing time for hard card fingerprints is 8 or more weeks. 	<p><u>If you currently reside in California:</u> Submit the second copy of your completed <i>Request for Live Scan Service Applicant Submission</i> form</p> <p><u>If you currently reside out of state:</u> Submit two completed fingerprint hard cards (FBI and DOJ) and \$49 fee payable to Behavioral Sciences Fund WITH YOUR APPLICATION</p>

D. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Instructions	Document(s) Required
<p>Provide an official transcript verifying your master's or doctorate degree (with degree title and date of conferral posted). If the school that issued your degree accepted courses transferred in from another school, you must also provide a transcript from the other school to enable proper evaluation of your degree. Provide transcripts as directed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided IN AN ENVELOPE SEALED BY THE SCHOOL; or Emailed BY THE SCHOOL to the Board at BBStranscripts@dca.ca.gov. For questions about electronic submission, see the FAQ (available at www.bbs.ca.gov/Updates/FAQs/Updates). 	<p>Official sealed transcript with degree title and date of conferral posted</p> <p>Official transcript for any courses transferred into your degree program</p> <p>MUST BE EMAILED BY THE SCHOOL TO THE BOARD OR PROVIDED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AS DIRECTED</p>

E. DEGREE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

Instructions	Document(s) Required
<p>Provide a <i>Degree Program Certification</i> (Form A or Form B) in an ENVELOPE SEALED BY YOUR SCHOOL or emailed BY YOUR SCHOOL to BBStranscripts@dca.ca.gov.</p> <p>See the <i>Degree Program Certification</i> forms in this packet to determine whether to have your school fill out Form A or Form B.</p> <p>In addition, if your school accepted any transferred-in units, the school must attach a letter of explanation identifying those courses and describing how they were applied to your degree program.</p> <p>NOTE: <i>The Board strongly recommends obtaining a copy of the completed form prior to sending in your application to ensure that your degree meets all requirements.</i></p>	<p><i>Degree Program Certification</i> form</p> <p>Letter of explanation from school for transferred-in units (if applicable)</p> <p>MUST BE EMAILED BY THE SCHOOL TO THE BOARD OR PROVIDED IN AN ENVELOPE SEALED BY THE SCHOOL</p>

F. ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS PRIOR TO LICENSURE

Instructions	Document(s) Required
<p>The coursework listed below must be completed prior to submitting your <i>Application for Licensure</i>. You may submit documentation of completion with your Associate application or wait until you apply for licensure. If this content was provided within your degree program, there is a section that may be used for verification by your school on the <i>Degree Program Certification</i> form.</p> <p><u>Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention</u></p> <p>Six (6) hours of coursework or applied experience. For more information see BPC section 4980.396 (<i>BPC is available at www.bbs.ca.gov>scroll to bottom of page and select "Statutes and Regulations"</i>).</p> <p><u>Provision of Mental Health Services via Telehealth</u></p> <p>Three (3) hours of coursework that includes law and ethics related to telehealth. See BPC section 4980.395 for details.</p> <p>See the Board's website for information on acceptable course providers (see www.bbs.ca.gov >Licensees>Continuing Education>Where to find CE).</p>	<p>None at this time, but you may submit proof of completion with your AMFT application</p>

**G. ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK REQUIRED PRIOR TO LICENSURE – ONLY
REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS WHO BEGAN GRADUATE STUDY BEFORE
08/01/2012**

Instructions	Document(s) Required
<p>For applicants who <u>began graduate study prior to August 1, 2012</u>, the courses listed on pages 5-6 of the “Application Instructions” within the Application for Licensure are required to be completed prior to licensure. This coursework may have been earned either within or outside of your qualifying degree program.</p> <p>If any of this content was provided within your degree program, your school may verify completion on the <i>Degree Program Certification</i> form. If this coursework or training was not within your degree program, you may submit a copy of the certificate of completion now, rather than with your <i>Application for Licensure</i>.</p>	<p>None at this time, but you may submit proof of completion with your AMFT application</p>

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST (AMFT) REGISTRATION



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In-State Applicants

Avoid application deficiencies!

Carefully read the preceding *Application Instructions* to ensure all requirements are met pertaining to the documents listed below:

- ☐ Completed Application (form number 37A-590)
- ☐ Official transcript with degree title and date of conferral posted
- ☐ Official transcript for any units transferred into your degree program (*if applicable*).
- ☐ Completed Degree Program Certification (form number 37A-600 or 37A-601); and school's letter of explanation for any transferred in units (*if applicable*).
- ☐ Completed Request for Live Scan Service form **OR**
Two completed fingerprint "hard cards" with the \$49 fingerprint card processing fee (check or money order payable to the Behavioral Sciences Fund)
- ☐ \$150.00 check or money order payable to the Behavioral Sciences Fund

Important Information for ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST APPLICANTS



1. PUBLICATIONS FOR AMFTs

The following Board publications provide important information for AMFTs (*access at www.bbs.ca.gov>Applicants>LMFT>Forms/Pubs*):

- [Handbook for Future LMFTs](#)
- [Answers to Most Frequently Asked Questions Relating to MFT Trainees and AMFTs](#)
- [MFT Trainee and AMFT Supervisor Qualification Summary](#)
- [A Guide to Supervision for AMFTs and Trainees](#)
- [10 Tips for a Smoother Licensing Process](#)

2. WHEN CAN I BEGIN COUNTING POST-DEGREE EXPERIENCE? WHAT IS THE 90-DAY RULE

The date that you may begin counting post-degree hours of experience toward licensure depends on all of the following:

- ➔ If you submit your *Application for Associate Registration* WITHIN 90 days from the date your qualifying degree was conferred (as posted on your transcript) you may begin accruing hours immediately upon your degree award date (as posted on your transcript).
- ➔ If you submit your *Application for Associate Registration* MORE than 90 days after the date your qualifying degree was conferred (as posted on your transcript) you may not begin accruing hours until your Associate registration (AMFT) number has been issued.

Live Scan Requirement for Applicants who Graduated on or after January 1, 2020:

Hours may only be accepted under the “90-day-rule” described above IF the hours are obtained at a workplace that, prior to the applicant gaining hours, required Live Scan fingerprinting.

To count these hours, you must provide documentation to the Board consisting of a copy of the processed “State of California Request for Live Scan Service” form provided by the employer. This form must be submitted with the ***Application for Licensure*** in order for the hours gained between graduation and registration issuance to be accepted. A copy of the processed form is the **ONLY** acceptable documentation specified in law. There are no exceptions. See the [FAQ](#) about the 90-day rule for more information (*access at www.bbs.ca.gov>Updates/FAQs*).

3. EXAM REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

Registrants Must Take a California Law and Ethics Exam to Renew

After your Associate registration is issued, you will be required to take the LMFT California Law and Ethics Exam. Your registration will not be renewable until the exam has been taken. You will be given instructions on applying for this exam once your registration has been issued. The California Law and Ethics Exam is designed to assess an applicant's knowledge of and ability to apply legal and ethical standards relating to clinical practice. See the [Exams](#) tab of the Board's website for more information.

4. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

Registrants Must Complete 3 Hours of CE in California Law and Ethics to Renew

Three (3) hours of continuing education (CE) in California Law and Ethics is required once every renewal cycle in order to renew your registration. For more information see the [Registrant CE Information Brochure](#) (access at www.bbs.ca.gov>Applicants>LMFT>Forms/Pubs).

5. SUPERVISION AND WORK SETTING REQUIREMENTS

You are required to work under the supervision of a qualified supervisor in order to gain hours of experience toward licensure. You and your supervisor are required to complete a [Supervision Agreement](#) within 60 days of commencing supervision.

In addition, it is against the law for you to provide clinical services in a private practice setting or in a professional corporation prior to issuance of your AMFT registration.

6. 6-YEAR LIMIT AND ISSUANCE OF SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATIONS

Your registration can only be renewed five (5) times, for a total six (6)-year length. If you need to continue beyond six years, you must apply for a subsequent registration number. A subsequent registration can only be issued to applicants who have passed the LMFT California Law and Ethics Exam. Those issued a subsequent registration are not permitted to work in a private practice setting or in a professional corporation.

7. AVOID YOUR FILE BEING CLOSED BY MEETING THE TIME FRAMES BELOW

In accordance with Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1806, an application shall be deemed abandoned in either of the following circumstances:

- You do not submit evidence that you have cleared the deficiencies specified in the deficiency letter within one (1) year from the date of the initial deficiency letter
OR
- You do not complete your application within one (1) year after it has been filed.

To re-open an abandoned application, you must submit a new application, fee and all required documentation, as well as meet all current registration requirements in effect at the time the new application is submitted.

8. PUBLIC ADDRESS

The address you enter on your application is public information and will be placed on the Internet pursuant to BPC section 27. If you do not want your home or work address available to the public, use an alternate mailing address such as a post office box. Email addresses are not subject to public disclosure.

9. EMAIL AND MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES

You are required to maintain a current mailing address with the Board. You are also required to maintain a current email address with the Board if you have one. When you have a change in your mailing or email address, be sure to update it ASAP online at www.breeze.ca.gov.

10. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

To obtain a copy of the Board's *Statutes and Regulations*, please access it from the Board's [website](http://www.bbs.ca.gov) (go to www.bbs.ca.gov>Applicant and scroll to the bottom of the page).

11. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Executive Officer of the Board has been designated to coordinate and carry out the Board's compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title II of the ADA. Information concerning the provisions of the ADA, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the Board's ADA coordinator.

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR OTHER TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Disclosure of your tax identification number on your application is mandatory. You may provide either your Social Security Number, Federal Employer Identification Number, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, as applicable. Section 30 of the Business and Professions Code and Public Law 94-455 (42 USCA 405 (c) (2) (c)) authorizes collection of these tax identification numbers. Your tax identification number will not be deemed a public record and shall not be open to the public. Your tax identification number will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with section 17520 of the Family Code, or for verification of licensure or examination status by a licensing or examination entity which utilizes a national examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state. If you fail to disclose your tax identification number, your application for initial or renewal license will not be processed AND you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100 penalty against you.

13. STATE TAX OBLIGATION

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 31(e), the State Board of Equalization and the Franchise Tax Board may share taxpayer information with the Board. If a registrant does not pay their state tax obligation, the associate registration may be suspended.

14. NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please see the [Notice on Collection of Personal Information](#) (access at www.bbs.ca.gov>About Us>About the Board>Other Information>Policies).

15. QUESTIONS?

Please visit the **Contact Us** link at www.bbs.ca.gov and select an option under “Message the Board.”

APPLICATION FOR
**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPIST
REGISTRATION**



In-State Applicant

Office Use Only:

Avoid delays and deficiencies - carefully read the Application Instructions FIRST

Attach a \$150 Fee

SSN or ITIN*	Birth Date: mm/dd/yyyy		E-Mail Address	
Legal Name**	Last	First	Middle	
Public Address of Record*** Number and Street				
City		State	Zip Code	Phone
If you have ever been known by another name, list the full name(s) and dates of use below (attach any additional names and dates):				
Full Name			Dates of Use (from/to)	
Full Name			Dates of Use (from/to)	

* Disclosure of your United States tax identification number is mandatory. You may provide either your Social Security Number, your Federal Employer Identification Number, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, as applicable. This number must match the number you provide on your fingerprint forms. See Important Information for Applicants for more information about how your tax identification number is used.

** You must use your legal name. Your "legal name" is the name established legally by your birth certificate, marriage or domestic partnership certificate, or divorce decree (for example).

*** The address you enter on this application is public information and will be placed on the Internet pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 27. All correspondence from the Board will be mailed to this address. If you do not want your home or work address available to the public, use an alternate mailing address such as a post office box.

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
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1. Have you ever served in the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard? **(OPTIONAL)** Yes, Currently ☐ No ☐
Yes, Previously ☐

2. Have you ever applied for or been issued a license, registration or certificate to practice marriage and family therapy or any other health care profession in California or any other state? Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES, provide the information requested below (continue on an additional sheet if needed):

State	Type of License, Registration or Certificate	License, Registration or Certificate Number	Date Issued	Status

3. Within the 7 years preceding your submission of this application, were you denied a professional health care license ("license" includes registrations, certificates, or other means to engage in practice) OR had a professional health care license or privilege suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined, OR voluntarily surrendered any such license in California or any other state or territory of the United States, or by any other governmental agency or a foreign country?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If YES, we recommend that you complete the [Background Statement](#) form to facilitate processing of your application (access at [bbs.ca.gov>Consumers>Criminal Convictions>Forms](#)).

We recommend that you answer "Yes" even if you have previously reported it to the Board, and indicate the type of professional license that was denied, suspended, disciplined, or surrendered, including the date(s) of the denial, suspension, disciplinary action, You do not need to resubmit documentation previously on file.

4. Have you submitted official transcripts verifying your qualifying master's or doctorate degree and for any transferred in coursework? See *Application Instructions* for transcript requirements.

Yes – Sealed Transcripts via Mail ☐
Yes – Electronic Transcripts ☐
No ☐

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
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5. Have you submitted a *Degree Program Certification* form? Yes – Sealed Form via Mail ☐
 See *Application Instructions* for requirements. Yes – Sent Electronically ☐
 No ☐

6. **ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK:** The below courses are NOT required for Associate registration. However, they are required prior to submitting your application for licensure. If you have already completed a course, you may list it below and submit documentation of completion now rather than with a future application. If this content was provided within your degree program, there is a section that may be used for verification by your school on the *Degree Program Certification* form.

a) *Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours of coursework or applied experience)*

Course Title(s): _____

Provider(s): _____

b) *Provision of Mental Health Services via Telehealth (3 hours of coursework)*

Course Title(s): _____

Provider(s): _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – RESPONSE IS VOLUNTARY

Some criminal convictions will appear on the Board's background check and may require additional investigation prior to a licensing determination. For information on which convictions the Board is permitted to consider, see the [Criminal Conviction FAQ](#) (access at [bbs.ca.gov](#)>Consumers>Criminal Convictions>Publications). All currently pending criminal actions will appear on the Board's background check and may require additional investigation prior to a licensing determination.

You are not required to disclose any past convictions or pending criminal cases on this application. In some cases, voluntarily providing information with the application about convictions that the Board is permitted to consider may help an application get processed more quickly. You may therefore choose to complete the [Background Statement](#) form (access at [bbs.ca.gov](#)>Consumers>Criminal Convictions>Forms) and submit it with your application along with evidence of rehabilitation. The form is available on the Board's website, and includes areas to report convictions the board is permitted to consider, or pending criminal actions.

You can also submit the *Background Statement* form and evidence of rehabilitation after you submit your application or in response to inquiries from the Board. You may seek legal assistance from a lawyer or legal aid organization before providing any information about your criminal history. The Board will not deny your application because you exercised your right not to provide criminal history information in your initial application.

NOTE: Knowingly making a false statement of fact that is required to be revealed in this application may be grounds for denial of this application

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____



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ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST IN-STATE DEGREE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FORM A

This form is for use by the following applicants:

- The applicant began graduate study before August 1, 2012 and completed that study on or before December 31, 2018 **AND**
- The applicant degree program is NOT designed to meet the “2012” educational requirements

Contact your school if you have questions about which form to use

➡ INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

The purpose of this form is for your school to verify completion of a degree program that complies with California Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4980.37](#). It may also be used to verify completion of additional coursework required prior to licensure.

- This form must be provided with your application in an envelope that has been sealed by your school OR sent by your school directly to the Board via email.
- Unless otherwise indicated on this form, your degree must **fully** contain all of the requirements specified herein to qualify for registration. There are no exceptions.
- The Board recommends obtaining a copy of this completed form and reviewing it prior to applying so that you can determine whether your degree qualifies.

➡ INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL

The applicant is applying for a registration with the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Please complete this form including the certification on the last page and provide the applicant with the original IN A SEALED ENVELOPE or send directly to the Board at BBStranscripts@dca.ca.gov.

If any transferred-in units were accepted, attach a letter of explanation identifying those courses and describing how they were applied to the student's program.

The full legal text of the educational requirements is located in Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4980.37](#) and also available on the Board's website under [Statutes and Regulations](#).

**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST
IN-STATE DEGREE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
FORM A**

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
SSN or Individual Taxpayer ID Number:	Date Began Graduate Study mm/dd/yyyy	

Yes ☐ No ☐ 1. Was the student notified by means of public documents or otherwise in writing that the degree program is designed to meet the requirements of BPC section 4980.37? *If NO, attach an explanation.*

Yes ☐ No ☐ 2. Was the applicant's degree program a single integrated program primarily designed to train marriage and family therapists, containing no less than 48 semester units or 72 quarter units of instruction?

NOTE: If the applicant's degree program was accredited by COAMFTE, the applicant is exempt from this requirement. Attach documentation of accreditation if exemption is requested.

Yes ☐ No ☐ 3. Did the applicant's degree program contain no less than six (6) semester units or nine (9) quarter units of supervised practicum as defined in BPC section 4980.37(c)(1)?

Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 4. Did the applicant's practicum include a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples, families or groups as specified in BPC section 4980.37(c)(2)?

NOTE: Only required for applicants who enrolled in their degree program on or after January 1, 1995

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Yes ☐ No ☐ 5. Did the applicant's degree program include no less than 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of coursework in the areas of marriage, family, and child counseling and marital and family systems approaches to treatment as specified in BPC section 4980.37(b), and include all of the following areas?

- The salient theories of a variety of psychotherapeutic orientations directly related to marriage and family therapy, and marital and family systems approaches to treatment.
- Theories of marriage and family therapy and how they can be utilized in order to intervene therapeutically with couples, families, adults, children, and groups.
- Developmental issues and life events from infancy to old age and their effect upon individuals, couples and family relationships.
- A variety of approaches to the treatment of children.

NOTE: If the applicant's degree program was accredited by COAMFTE, the applicant is exempt from this requirement. Attach documentation of accreditation if exemption is requested.

Course numbers: _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 6. Did the applicant complete coursework in the diagnosis, assessment, prognosis, treatment planning and treatment of mental disorders as specified in BPC section 4980.37(c)(1)?

Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 7. Did the applicant's degree program prepare students to be familiar with cross-cultural mores and values, including a wide range of racial and ethnic backgrounds as specified in BPC section 4980.37(e)(7)?

Course number(s): _____

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
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ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK: The following courses are NOT required to be part of the applicant's degree program but are required for licensure. Completion of this section will assist the applicant in the licensure process. Mark "Yes" if the applicant's degree program contained the below content, and specify the number of units or hours.

Yes ☐ No ☐ 8. Did the applicant complete a two (2) semester unit or three (3) quarter unit course in California law and professional ethics as described in BPC section 4980.41(a)(1)?

Units: _____ Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 9. Did the applicant complete a minimum of seven (7) hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting as described in BPC sections 28 and 4980.41(a)(2)?

Hours: _____ Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 10. Did the applicant complete a minimum of 10 hours coursework in human sexuality as described in BPC section 4980.41(a)(3)?

Hours: _____ Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 11. Did the applicant complete a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as required by BPC section 4980.41(a)(4) and Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1807.3?

Hours: _____ Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 12. Did the applicant complete coursework in spousal or partner abuse assessment detection, and intervention as specified in BPC section 4980.41(a)(5)?

If the applicant began graduate study on or after January 1, 2004, a minimum of 15 hours in this topic area is required.

Hours: _____ Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 13. Did the applicant complete a minimum of 6 hours of coursework in aging and long-term care, including instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment related to elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect as described in BPC section 4980.39?

Hours: _____ Course number(s): _____

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
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ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK (continued):

Yes ☐ No ☐ 14. Did the applicant complete a minimum of 6 hours of training or coursework in suicide risk assessment and intervention as described in BPC section 4980.396?

Number of Hours: _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 15. Did the applicant complete a minimum of 3 hours of coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth as described in BPC section 4980.395?

Number of Hours: _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 16. Did the applicant complete a minimum of two (2) semester units or three (3) quarter units in psychological testing as described in BPC section 4980.41(a)(6)?

NOTE: Only required of applicants who began graduate study on or after January 1, 2001.

Units: _____ Course number(s): _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ 17. Did the applicant complete a minimum of two (2) semester units or three (3) quarter units in psychopharmacology as described in BPC section 4980.41(a)(7)?

NOTE: Only required of applicants who began graduate study on or after January 1, 2001.

Units: _____ Course number(s): _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all of the foregoing is true and correct

Signature of Chief Academic Officer or
Authorized Designee

Name of Institution

Print Name

Campus City and State

Date Signed

Institution Accredited or Approved by

Email Address



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ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST IN-STATE DEGREE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FORM B

This form is for use by the following applicants:

- 1) The applicant began graduate study on or after August 1, 2012 **OR**
- 2) The applicant graduate study before August 1, 2012, AND did not complete the degree on or before December 31, 2018

Contact your school if you have questions about which form to use

➡ INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

The purpose of this form is for your school to verify completion of a degree program that complies with California Business and Professions Code (BPC) [section 4980.36](#). It may also be used to verify completion of additional coursework required prior to licensure.

- This form must be provided with your application in an envelope that has been sealed by your school OR sent by your school directly to the Board via email.
- Unless otherwise indicated on this form, your degree must **fully** contain all of the requirements specified herein to qualify for registration. There are no exceptions.
- The Board recommends obtaining a copy of this completed form and reviewing it prior to submitting your application so that you can determine whether your degree qualifies.

➡ INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL

The applicant is applying for a registration with the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Please complete this form, including the certification on the last page, and provide the applicant with the original IN A SEALED ENVELOPE or send directly to the Board at BBStranscripts@dca.ca.gov.

If any transferred-in units were accepted, attach a letter of explanation identifying those courses and describing how they were applied to the student's program.

The full legal text of the degree requirements can be found in BPC [section 4980.36](#), also available on the Board's website under [Statutes and Regulations](#).

**ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST
IN-STATE DEGREE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
FORM B**

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
SSN or Individual Taxpayer ID Number	Date Began Graduate Study	Degree Award Date

1. Was the student notified by a public document or otherwise in writing that the degree program was designed to meet the requirements of BPC section 4980.36? Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Has this specific degree program been reviewed and accepted by the Board? Yes ☐ No ☐
• If NO, contact BBStranscripts@dca.ca.gov for information on how to proceed.

3. Did this student complete the program as accepted by the Board? Yes ☐ No ☐
• If NO, answer question #4 and specify where the program differed in question #5.
• If YES, answer the questions on the next page.

4. Was the following required content fully contained within the applicant's degree program?

a. TOTAL UNITS: At least 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction: Yes ☐ No ☐

b. MFT COURSEWORK: 12 semester or 18 quarter units as specified in BPC section 4980.36(d)(1)(A): Yes ☐ No ☐

c. PRACTICUM: At least 6 semester or 9 quarter units that included a minimum of 225 hours as defined in BPC section 4980.36(d)(1)(B): Yes ☐ No ☐

d. ALL OTHER CONTENT: as required by BPC section 4980.36(c), (d) and (e) Yes ☐ No ☐

Applicant Name: Last	First	Middle
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5. If you answered NO to questions 3 or 4, mark the area where the program differed, and specify how it differed. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

☐ Total Units: _____

☐ MFT Coursework: _____

☐ Practicum: _____

☐ All Other Content required by BPC section 4980.36(c), (d) & (e): _____

☐ Other (explain): _____

6. ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK REQUIRED PRIOR TO LICENSURE: The following are NOT required to be part of the applicant's degree program but are required for licensure. Completion of this section will assist the applicant in the licensure process. Mark "Yes" if the applicant's degree program contained the below content, and specify the number of hours.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth (3 hours of coursework required). *Number of Hours:* _____

Yes ☐ No ☐ Suicide risk assessment and intervention (6 hours of training or coursework required). *Number of Hours:* _____

<u>CERTIFICATION</u> <i>I hereby certify that all of the foregoing is true and correct</i>	
Signature of Chief Academic Officer or Authorized Designee	Name of Institution
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTING AND PRIVACY NOTICES

Live Scan Fingerprinting is available only in California. Live Scan fingerprint results will be submitted to the **Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** electronically.

If you need to have your fingerprints taken in another state, you must use the "hard card" fingerprint method. To request hard cards and instructions, send an email to BBS.Fingerprint@dca.ca.gov with "Fingerprint Hard Cards" in the subject line, and include your mailing address. Please be advised that the DOJ processing time for hard card fingerprints is a minimum of 8 to 12 weeks, or longer. In order to avoid processing delays and additional costs that result from invalid fingerprint cards, fingerprints must be taken at a law enforcement agency in the state of residence.

Fingerprint Fees - Paid to Live Scan Site

If you have your prints taken via Live Scan, you must pay the fingerprint fees below **directly to the site** where you have your Live Scan fingerprints taken:

DOJ FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEE: \$32.00

FBI FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEE: \$17.00

In addition to these processing fees, there may be a service charge associated with the Live Scan site you visit. The Live Scan service site will collect the above fees at the time you are fingerprinted. The Live Scan service charge may vary from location to location.

Complete the Request for Live Scan Service Form

You must complete and submit the attached *Request for Live Scan Service* form at the Live Scan site. Make sure that the information provided in Section 3 of the form matches the information on your BBS application. Once your fingerprints have been scanned, the Live Scan Operator will complete Section 4 of this form and return the second and third copies to you.

The second copy of this form, with Section 4 completed by the Live Scan Operator, must be MAILED to the BBS in order to retrieve your fingerprint results from the DOJ. Retain the third copy for your records as a proof of payment.

Live Scan Fingerprint Locations

You must visit an approved Live Scan Service Site. Most local Police and Sheriff Departments offer the Live Scan fingerprinting service. Some large school districts, passport services, and stores with generalized fingerprinting expertise may also offer Live Scan. A current listing of Live Scan sites is available on the DOJ website at <https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/locations>.

Consider calling the Live Scan service provider for hours of operation, fees, and appointment times if necessary. You must present valid photo identification (i.e., driver's license, military ID, or passport) at the Live Scan site.

Filling Out Your Live Scan Form

To facilitate prompt and accurate processing, please **TYPE or print legibly in ink.**

SECTION 1: Type of Application: LIC/CERT/PERMIT

Check the box for the applicable registration or license you are applying for with the BBS. Even if you are applying for more than one registration or license type, **CHECK THE BOX FOR ONLY ONE LICENSE TYPE.** Your fingerprint results will be put towards ALL registrations and licenses you hold. You do not need to pay or be fingerprinted for each individual BBS license type.

SECTION 2: This section is already completed.

SECTION 3:

Name of Applicant: Enter your full name

Alias: Indicate all other names used

Date of Birth: Indicate your month/day/year of birth

Sex: Mark the appropriate box

Height: Indicate your height in feet and inches

Weight: Indicate your weight in pounds (lbs.)

Eye Color: Indicate eye color abbreviation:

BLK - Black	GRY - Gray	MAR - Maroon	BLU - Blue	GRN - Green
PNK - Pink	BRO - Brown	HAZ - Hazel	MUL - Multicolor	

Hair Color: Indicate hair color abbreviation:

BAL - Bald	BRO - Brown	SDY - Sandy	BLK - Black
GRY - Gray	WHI - White	BLN - Blonde	RED - Red

Place of Birth: Indicate the state or country of birth

Social Security Number: Enter your SSN or individual taxpayer ID number. Must match the number provided on your application.

Driver's License No: Enter your Driver's license number if you have one.

Address: Enter a mailing address of your choice. You may use a business address, your home address, or any current address. This address will not be viewable by the public, and will be used solely for the BBS' records.

Your BBS File number:

Enter your BBS file number. If you are a brand new applicant and do not currently hold an identifying number, leave this line blank.

If Resubmission, list Original ATI No.

This is only used for a second fingerprinting due to a prior fingerprint rejection. The ATI No. allows you to be re-fingerprinted without paying the DOJ and FBI processing fee (service charges may still apply.)

Applicant Signature

Sign and date the application to indicate that you have read the included Privacy Notice, Privacy Act Statement and Applicant's Privacy Rights.

SECTION 4:

To be completed by the Live Scan operator.

REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE

Privacy Notice

As Required by Civil Code § 1798.17

Collection and Use of Personal Information. The California Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division in the Department of Justice (DOJ) collects the information requested on this form as authorized by Business and Professions Code sections 4600-4621, 7574-7574.16, 26050-26059, 11340-11346, and 22440-22449; Penal Code sections 11100-11112, and 11077.1; Health and Safety Code sections 1522, 1416.20-1416.50, 1569.10-1569.24, 1596.80-1596.879, 1725-1742, and 18050-18055; Family Code sections 8700-87200, 8800-8823, and 8900-8925; Financial Code sections 1300-1301, 22100-22112, 17200-17215, and 28122-28124; Education Code sections 44330-44355; Welfare and Institutions Code sections 9710-9719.5, 14043-14045, 4684-4689.8, and 16500-16523.1; and other various state statutes and regulations. The CJIS Division uses this information to process requests of authorized entities that want to obtain information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal convictions to help determine suitability for employment, or volunteer work with children, elderly, or disabled; or for adoption or purposes of a license, certification, or permit. In addition, any personal information collected by state agencies is subject to the limitations in the Information Practices Act and state policy. The DOJ's general privacy policy is available at <http://oag.ca.gov/privacy-policy>.

Providing Personal Information. All the personal information requested in the form must be provided. Failure to provide all the necessary information will result in delays and/or the rejection of your request.

Access to Your Information. You may review the records maintained by the CJIS Division in the DOJ that contain your personal information, as permitted by the Information Practices Act. See below for contact information.

Possible Disclosure of Personal Information. In order to process applications pertaining to Live Scan service to help determine the suitability of a person applying for a license, employment, or a volunteer position working with children, the elderly, or the disabled, we may need to share the information you give us with authorized applicant agencies. The information you provide may also be disclosed in the following circumstances:

- With other persons or agencies where necessary to perform their legal duties, and their use of your information is compatible and complies with state law, such as for investigations or for licensing, certification, or regulatory purposes.
- To another government agency as required by state or federal law.

Contact Information. For questions about this notice or access to your records, you may contact the Associate Governmental Program Analyst at the DOJ's Keeper of Records at (916) 210-3310, by email at keeperofrecords@doj.ca.gov, or by mail at: Department of Justice Bureau of Criminal Information & Analysis Keeper of Records P.O. Box 903417 Sacramento, CA 94203-4170.

REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE

Privacy Act Statement

Authority. The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Principal Purpose. Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

Routine Uses. During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental, or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE

Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification¹ that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- You must be provided, and acknowledge receipt of, an adequate Privacy Act Statement when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement should explain the authority for collecting your information and how your information will be used, retained, and shared.²
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials making a determination of your suitability for the employment, license, or other benefit must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of your criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record.³

You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.⁴

If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>

If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.) *You can find additional information on the FBI website at <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>*

¹ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification

² <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>

³ See 28 CFR 50.12(b) ⁴ See U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c)

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SECTION 1

ORI: **A0462**

(Code assigned by DOJ)

Type of Application: **LIC/CERT/PERMIT**

Type of License: ***(Mark Only ONE)***

☐ **Marriage and Family Therapist**

☐ **Clinical Social Worker**

☐ **Educational Psychologist**

☐ **Professional Clinical Counselor**

SECTION 2

Agency Authorized to Receive Criminal Record
Information:

Mail Code: **01484**

Board of Behavioral Sciences
1625 North Market Blvd. Suite S-200
Sacramento CA 95834

Contact Name: Fingerprint Unit

Contact Phone: (916) 574-7859

SECTION 3

Name of Applicant: _____
(Please Print) Last First MI

Alias: _____
Last First Driver's License No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Billing No.: **APPLICANT MUST PAY**

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Address:

Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Number and Street

Place of Birth: _____

City State Zip

Social Security Number: _____

BBS File Number: _____

**BBS Applicant: Please mail a copy of this
form to the address in Section 2 with your
BBS application.**

If Resubmission, list Original ATI No.: _____

(Must provide proof of rejection)

Level of Service: ☒ DOJ ☒ FBI

I have received and read the included Privacy Notice, Privacy Act Statement and Applicant's Privacy Rights.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 4

Live Scan Transaction Completed By: _____ Date: _____

Transmitting Agency: _____ LSID: _____

ATI No.: _____ Amount Collected/Billed: _____

ORIGINAL – Live Scan Operator SECOND COPY – Requesting Agency THIRD COPY - Applicant