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MFT TRAINEE & ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST SUPERVISOR INFORMATION & QUALIFICATIONS

A licensed mental health professional who provides supervision to an MFT Trainee, Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT) or applicant who is pursuing LMFT licensure must meet certain minimum qualifications. This document provides a broad overview of those requirements. For further information, please review the [Statutes and Regulations](#) pertaining to LMFT licensure.

Requirements Applicable to ALL Supervisors

- Possess a current and active California license that is not under suspension or probation as one of the following:
 - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 - Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
 - Licensed Psychologist
 - Licensed Physician and Surgeon (*must be certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology*)
- Have been licensed in California or any other state for at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision.
- Have practiced psychotherapy during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision OR
- Provided direct supervision to Marriage and Family Therapist Trainees, Associate Marriage and Family Therapists, Associate Professional Clinical Counselors, or Associate Clinical Social Workers who perform psychotherapy during at least two (2) years out of the last five (5) years prior to the commencement of supervision. Supervision of psychotherapy performed by a student (social work intern or a professional clinical counselor trainee) shall be accepted if the supervision performed is substantially equivalent to the supervision required for registrants.
- Sign and comply with the *Supervisor Responsibility Statement*

Requirements Applicable ONLY to Supervisors Licensed as an LPCC

An LPCC who supervises an MFT Trainee or an AMFT must provide the supervisee, prior to the commencement of supervision, with written confirmation from the Board verifying that he or she is qualified to assess and treat couples and families.

Supervisor Training Requirements

LMFTs, LCSWs and LPCCs must complete a minimum of six (6) hours of supervision training within 60 days of commencement of supervision, and six (6) hours of supervision training each renewal period.
NOTE: Licensed Psychologists and Psychiatrists are exempt from this requirement.

Helpful Links - BBS Website

[Supervisor Resources](#)

[LMFT Applicants](#) (*licensure requirements, forms, publications*)

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