

Family Therapy (MFT)

The requirements for professional licensure as a marriage and family therapist are met when an applicant has a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy or related discipline from an accredited institution, as recognized by the Department of Education, and satisfies requirements related to education, experience, supervision, and examination. Many states also require the master’s program to have professional accreditation. In addition to Mercer’s [institutional accreditation](#), the Master of Family Therapy (MFT) program is accredited by the [Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education \(COAMFTE\)](#).

All states and territories have other licensure requirements, such as passage of the MFT national exam, specific coursework and credit hours, clinical practice and supervision experience, state-specific jurisprudence exams, applications, fees, and background checks. Each state licensing board, agency, and/or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued in that state.

Below is a table that displays states where the MFT program meets, does not meet, or Mercer is unable to determine if it meets educational requirements for licensure. Please review the table closely to determine if the MFT program meets the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure.

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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Contact	Website URL	Meets educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy	(334) 395-7455	https://mft.alabama.gov/	Yes
Alaska	Alaska Board of Marital & Family Therapy	(907) 269-8160	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofMaritalFamilyTherapy.aspx	Yes
Arizona	Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	(602) 542-1882	https://www.azbbhe.us/	Yes
Arkansas	Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy	(501) 683-5800	https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-state-board-of-examiners-in-counseling	Yes

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California	California Board of Behavioral Sciences	(916) 574-7830	https://www.bbs.ca.gov/	No
Colorado	Colorado State Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners	(303) 894-7800	https://dpo.colorado.gov/MarriageFamilyTherapy	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Public Health - Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section	(860) 509-7603	https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/mft/marital-and-family-therapist-licensure-requirements	Yes
Delaware	Delaware Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals	(302) 744-4500	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/profcoounselors/	Yes
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Board of Marriage and Family Therapy	(202) 442-5955	https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/marriage-and-family-therapy-licensing	No
Florida	Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling	(850) 488-0595	https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/	Yes
Georgia	Georgia Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists	(404) 424-9966	https://sos.ga.gov/board-professional-counselors-social-workers-and-marriage-family-therapists	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Marriage and Family Therapist Program	(808) 586-3000	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/programs/marriage/	Yes
Idaho	Idaho Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	(208) 334-3233	https://dopl.idaho.gov/cou/	Yes
Illinois	Illinois Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing and Disciplinary Board	1 (888) 473-4858	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/marrfamtherapy.html	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board	(317) 232-2960	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/behavioral-health-and-human-services/	No
Iowa	Iowa Board of Behavioral Science	(515) 281-0254	https://dial.iowa.gov/about/boards/behavioral-science	Yes

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Kansas	Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board	(785) 296-3240	https://www.ksbsrb.ks.gov/	Yes
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists	(502) 782-8809	https://mft.ky.gov/	Yes
Louisiana	Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners	(225) 295-8444	https://www.lpcboard.org/page/lmft	No
Maine	Maine Board of Counseling Professional Licensure	(207) 624-8674	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professional/licensing/professions/board-of-counseling-professionals-licensure	No
Maryland	Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists	(410) 764-4732	https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx	No
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration Allied Mental Health and Human Service Professionals	(617) 701-8683	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-allied-mental-health-and-human-services-professions	No
Michigan	Michigan Board of Marriage and Family Therapy	(517) 241-0199	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/marriage	Yes
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy	(612) 617-2220	https://mn.gov/boards/marriage-and-family/	Yes
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists	(601) 987-6806	https://www.swmft.ms.gov/	No
Missouri	Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists	(573) 751-0870	https://pr.mo.gov/marital.asp	Yes
Montana	Montana Board of Behavioral Health	(406) 841-2300	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/behavioral-health/	Yes
Nebraska	Nebraska Board of Mental Health Practice	(402) 471-2117	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx	Yes

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Nevada	Nevada Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors	(702) 486-7388	https://marriage.nv.gov/	Yes
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice	(603) 271-2152	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-mental-health-practice	Yes
New Jersey	New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners	(973) 504-6415	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/mft/	Yes
New Mexico	New Mexico Counseling and Therapy Practice Board	(505) 476-4622	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/counseling-and-therapy-practice/	Yes
New York	New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioners	(518) 474-3817	https://www.op.nysed.gov/marriage-and-family-therapists	Yes
North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Marriage & Family Therapy	(919) 654-6914	https://www.ncbmf.org/	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board	(701) 400-2696	https://ndmftlb.org/	Yes
Ohio	Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	(614) 466-0912	https://cswmft.ohio.gov/	Yes
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure	(405) 522-3696	https://oklahoma.gov/behavioralhealth.html	Yes
Oregon	Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists	(503) 378-5499	https://www.oregon.gov/OBLPCT/Pages/index.aspx	Yes
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists and Professional Counselors	(717) 783-1389	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/SocialWorkersMarriageandFamilyTherapistsandProfessionalCounselors/Pages/default.aspx	Unable to determine

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Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	(401) 222-5960	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=228	No
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors, and Psycho-Education Specialists	(803) 896-4658	https://llr.sc.gov/cou/	Yes
South Dakota	South Dakota Board Examiners for Counselors & Marriage and Family Therapists	(605) 224-1721	https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/counselors/counselors.aspx	Yes
Tennessee	Tennessee Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists	(615) 532-4384	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pcmft-board.html	Yes
Texas	Texas Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists	(512) 305-7700	https://bhec.texas.gov/texas-state-board-of-examiners-of-marriage-and-family-therapists/	Yes
Utah	Utah Marriage and Family Therapy Board	(801) 530-6628	https://dopl.utah.gov/marriage-and-family-therapy/	Yes
Vermont	Vermont Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners	(802)828-1505	https://sos.vermont.gov/allied-mental-health/	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Board of Counseling	(804) 367-4610	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Counseling/	Yes
Washington	Washington State Department of Health - Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee	(360) 236-4700	https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/marriage-and-family-therapist	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling	(800) 520-3852	https://wvbec.org/	No

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Wisconsin	Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board	(608) 266-2112	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/MFT/Default.aspx	Yes
Wyoming	Wyoming Mental Health Profession Licensing Board	(307) 777-3628	https://mentalhealth.wyo.gov/	Yes
American Samoa	Unknown			Unable to determine
Federated States of Micronesia	State of Pohnpei Behavioral Health and Wellness Advisory Council	(691) 320-2619	https://hsa.gov.fm/behavioral-health/	Unable to determine
Guam	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	(671) 735-7407	https://guamhplo.org/gbahe	Yes
Marshall Islands	Unknown			Unable to determine
Northern Mariana Islands	Northern Mariana Islands Health Care Professions Licensing Board	(670) 664-4808	https://www.cnmilicensing.gov.mp/health-care-professions-licensing-board/	Yes
Palau	Unknown			Unable to determine
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	(787) 765-2929	https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/132	Unable to determine
US Virgin Islands	US Virgin Islands Board of Licensed Counselors & Examiners	(340) 713-3522 (St. Croix) (340) 714-3522 (St. Thomas)	https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/counselorrequirements/	No

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