

NOTICE OF INTENT
Department of Health
Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners
PLMFT Educational Licensure Requirements
(LAC 46: LX. 3309, 3311, and 3315)

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act (R.S.49:950 et seq.) and through the authority of the Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (R.S. 37:1101 et seq.), the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners proposes technical rule revision to clarify and update provisions governing the academic, coursework, supervision, and practice requirements for provisional licensed marriage and family therapists (PLMFTs). The Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intent to propose changes to Chapter 33, Section 3309, 3311, and 3315 for publication in the December 20, 2025, edition of the Louisiana Register.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS REVISED
Part LX. Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners
Subpart 2. Professional Standards for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and Provisional
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

§3309. Academic Requirements for MFT Licensure or Provisional Licensure
[Formerly §3311]

A. – A.3. ...

~~4. —a master's degree or a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a regionally accredited institution of higher education whose program and curriculum was approved by the board through the advisory committee at any time prior to July 1, 2010.~~

B. – D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1101-1123.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 29:156 (February 2003), amended LR 29:2785 (December 2003), LR 35:1113 (June 2009), LR 37:1602 (June 2011), repromulgated LR 37:2163 (July 2011), amended LR 38:1965 (August 2012), repromulgated LR 41:741 (April 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 43:1982 (October 2017), amended LR 45:1204 (September 2019), LR 49:1086 (June 2023), LR 52: _____.

§3311. Coursework and Academic Supervision Requirements, for Options 2, 3, and 4

~~9. —Up to 220 of the required 500 hours of supervised direct client contact and 44 of the required 100 hours of face to face supervision not completed during a practicum and/or internship during the completion of the qualifying degree program or postgraduate training institute may be completed once an applicant is provisionally licensed as a provisional licensed marriage and family therapist and is under the supervision of an LMFT board approved supervisor. These hours shall be added to the required 1500 hours of supervised direct client contact required for licensure.~~

B. – B.2. ...

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LR 52:

§3315. Application, Practice, and Renewal Requirements for Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

A. – C.1. ...

a. At least 1500 hours must qualify as direct work experience. ~~Up to 500 hours of d~~Direct work experience received during the completion of a graduate program that is systemically oriented as determined by the advisory committee may be counted toward the required 2000 hours.

C.1.b. – C. 2. ...

a. ~~Up to 100 hours of f~~Face-to-face supervisor contact received during the completion of the applicant's qualifying academic experience graduate program that is systemically oriented as determined by the advisory committee may be counted toward the required 200 hours of qualified supervision. ~~Of these 100 hours, only 50 hours may be counted as individual supervision. 100 percent of the face-to-face supervision hours may be conducted via synchronous videoconferencing on a HIPAA compliant platform.~~

C.3. – F.5.iv. ...

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Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of these rules on family has been considered. This proposal to create licensee statuses has no impact on family functioning, stability, or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.B In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The effect on household income, assets, and financial security;

2. The effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development;
3. The effect on employment and workforce development;
4. The effect on taxes and tax credits;
5. The effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed change should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jamie S. Doming, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, 11410 Lake Sherwood Avenue North Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 by January 10, 2026, at 5 p.m.

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I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners is approximately \$600 in FY 26 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The rule does not change the current academic requirements that are set forth by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This rule simply removes language to not create confusion. It does not create any new financial or administrative requirements.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.