

Supervised Work Experience and Clinical Supervision Requirements

R4-6-603 Supervised Work Experience for Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure

- A. An applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall demonstrate completion of at least ~~3200~~ hours of supervised work experience in the practice of marriage and family therapy in no less than 24 months. The applicant shall ensure that the supervised work experience includes:
1. At least 1600 hours of direct client contact involving the use of psychotherapy:
 - a. At least 1000 of the 1600 hours of direct client contact are with couples or families; and
 - b. No more than 400 of the 1600 hours of direct client contact are in psychoeducation and at least 60 percent of psychoeducation hours are with couples or families;
 2. At least 100 hours of clinical supervision as prescribed under R4-6-212 and R4-6-604; and
 3. ~~For the purpose of licensure, no more than 1600 hours of indirect client contact related to psychotherapy services.~~
- B. For any month in which an applicant provides direct client contact, the applicant shall obtain at least one hour of clinical supervision.
- C. An applicant may submit more than the required ~~3200~~ hours of supervised work experience for consideration by the Board.
- D. During the period of supervised work experience specified in subsection (A), an applicant for marriage and family therapist licensure shall practice behavioral health under the limitations specified in R4-6-210.
- E. There is no supervised work experience requirement for licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist.

PLEASE NOTE:

Senate Bill 1089: *Effective September 29, 2021*

Indirect Hours for Supervised Work Experience: On March 18, 2021, Governor Ducey signed [Senate Bill 1089](#) which amended A.R.S. §§ 32-3293 (social work), 32-3301 (counseling), 32-3311 (marriage and family therapy), and 32-3321 (substance abuse counseling). As a result, indirect client hours no longer need to be tracked; however, 1600 direct client hours are still required in addition to at least 100 hours of clinical supervision in no less than 24 months. The supervisor must also attest that the supervisee was observed during supervised hours to have demonstrated satisfactory competency in clinical documentation, consultation, collaboration and coordination of care related to clients to whom the supervisee provided direct care. All verification forms are updated and posted to the website.

R4-6-604. Clinical Supervision for Clinical Social Worker Licensure

- A.** An applicant for marriage and family therapy licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant received at least 100 hours of clinical supervision that meets the requirements specified in subsection (B) and R4-6-212 during the supervised work experience required under R4-6-603.
- B.** The Board shall accept hours of clinical supervision for marriage and family therapist licensure if:
 - 1. The hours are supervised by an individual who meets the educational requirements under R4-6-214;
 - 2. At least 50 of the hours are supervised by:
 - a. A marriage and family therapist licensed by the Board, or
 - b. An independently licensed behavioral health professional who holds an Approved Supervisor designation from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; and
 - 3. The remaining hours are supervised by one or more of the following:
 - a. A professional counselor licensed by the Board;
 - b. A clinical social worker licensed by the Board;
 - c. A marriage and family therapist licensed by the Board; or
 - d. A psychologist licensed under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 19.1; or
 - 4. The hours are supervised by an individual for whom an exemption was obtained under R4-6-212.01.
- C.** The Board shall not accept hours of clinical supervision provided by a substance abuse counselor for marriage and family therapy licensure.