

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
Division 2233—State Committee of Marital
and Family Therapists
Chapter 2—Licensure Requirements**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2233-2.010 Educational Requirements. The committee is amending sections (1) and (5).

PURPOSE: This amendment will clarify telehealth requirements for the practicum or internship and reduce double work for applicants from nonaccredited programs by clarifying minimum requirements.

- (1) To apply for licensure or supervision, an applicant shall have received a graduate degree at the master, specialist or doctoral level with either a major in marriage and family therapy or an equivalent graduate course of study in a mental health discipline from a regionally accredited institution acceptable to the United States Department of Education.
- (B) For the purpose of this rule, a master's or doctoral degree from a program in marriage, couple, and family counseling accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) or its successor organization meets the education requirements for licensure. A master's or doctoral degree awarded prior to CACREP accreditation meets the educational requirement for licensure if the degree was awarded within two (2) years of the program receiving accreditation~~[(D)]~~; **or**
- (C) **Applicants from a non-accredited program must request the program to directly submit documentation as defined in 20 CSR 2233-2.010(5)(A)–(F) regarding all hours to the committee at the time of application. Applicants must also meet one of the following graduate requirements:**
 1. A graduate program in marriage and family therapy that is not COAMFTE or CACREP accredited shall consist of at least forty-five (45) semester hours or sixty (60) quarter hours of study in the area of marriage and family therapy; or ~~[(D)]~~
 2. An equivalent graduate course of study in a mental health discipline shall consist of at least forty-five (45) semester hours or sixty (60) quarter hours of study. The applicant shall have completed graduate or postgraduate course work in each core area as defined in 20 CSR 2233-2.010~~[(7)(A)–(F)]~~**(5)(A)–(F)**.
- (5) A course shall be counted once in granting credit for a core area and be an in-depth study solely devoted to a particular core area. No core area credit shall be given for courses which contain only a component or some aspects of a core area. The core areas are defined as follows:
 - (F) Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy—The practicum or internship consists of direct, face-to-face client contact, **and/or telehealth** to include couple and

family formats. **Telehealth is defined as visually and verbally interactive and synchronized on a HIPAA compliant platform.** Individual supervision with one (1) or two (2) students in face-to-face **and/or telehealth** consultation with a supervisor shall be provided. Students shall be trained to make relevant assessments of client systems; and

AUTHORITY: section 337.715[, RSMo 2016,] and [section] 337.727, RSMo Supp. [2019] 2025. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 233-2.010. Original rule filed Dec. 31, 1997, effective July 30, 1998. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Amended: Filed Jan. 7, 2026.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists, Gloria Lindsey, Executive Director, PO Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by faxing comments to (573) 751-0735, or by emailing comments to maritalfam@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*