

**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), (4), (6), (7), (9), (11), and (12).

PURPOSE: This amendment corrects rule citations.

- (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.
- (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)] section (5)* regarding all hours to the committee at the time of application. Applicants must also meet one (1) 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
 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(5)(A)–(G)] section (5)*.
- (4) Graduate course work in marriage and family therapy or a course of study in a mental health discipline from a school, college or university, or other institution of higher learning outside the United States may be considered in compliance with these rules if, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, the school, college, university, or other institution of higher learning maintained a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions accredited by one (1) of the regional accrediting commissions recognized by the United States Department of Education. An official transcript from the college, university, or other institution of higher learning outside of the United States must be sent to the committee. If the applicant's official transcript is not in English, the applicant shall obtain a credential evaluation from a nationally recognized translation service that compares the courses listed on the transcript with U.S. standards, in order to determine content and equivalency in terms of U.S. education. The applicant shall authorize the release of the translation to the committee. Any costs associated with the translation are the applicant's responsibility.
- (B) 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 comprised of

graduate or postgraduate course work in each core area as defined in [20 CSR 2233-2.010(8)(A)–(G)] **section (5)**.

- (6) Distance learning includes cyber/distance (electronic) learning/education and must be a formal education process in which instruction occurs when the student and the instructor are not located in the same place and uses technology such as online learning tools, email, video conferencing, and other related technologies.
 - (A) Any course or graduate program offered primarily via distance learning shall be evaluated by the state committee in the same manner as onsite graduate programs or course work as defined in [20 CSR 2233-2.010] **this rule**.
- (7) Independent studies, courses listed on the transcript as a seminar, and readings courses shall be clearly delineated on the transcript and shall be submitted to the state committee for review and approval. It is the applicant's responsibility to document that the course work is in compliance with the core course requirements defined in [20 CSR 2233-2.010(8)(A)–(G)] **section (5)**. The applicant may submit course descriptions from course catalogs, syllabi, bulletins, or through written documentation from an appropriate school official stating that the course was an in-depth study of a particular core area.
- (9) Courses provided by a post-degree institute accredited by an accrediting body which has been approved by the United States Department of Education may be acceptable as meeting core course requirements defined in [20 CSR 2233-2.010] **this rule**. It is the applicant's responsibility to document that the course work is in compliance with the core course requirements defined in this rule. The applicant may submit course descriptions from course catalogs, syllabi, bulletins, or through written documentation from an appropriate official stating that the course was an in-depth study of a particular core area.
- (11) The state committee shall review an applicant's educational credentials upon request from an applicant and upon receipt of official educational transcripts received directly from the university or post-degree institute accredited by an accrediting body which has been approved by the United States Department of Education and upon payment of the fee as defined in 20 CSR 2233-1.040[(1)(H)]. All information shall be submitted to the state committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled state committee meeting to be reviewed at that meeting.
- (12) The state committee shall review an applicant's proposed plan for obtaining an appropriate educational degree and/or course work upon receiving a request from an individual, receipt of the photocopies of official school documents, such as course syllabi or catalog descriptions of course work and degree programs, and upon payment of the fee as defined in 20 CSR 2233-1.040[(1)(H)]. All information shall be submitted to the state committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled state committee meeting to be reviewed at that meeting.

AUTHORITY: sections 337.715 and 337.727, RSMo Supp. 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 July 28, 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.*