State Licensure Statutes, Regulations, Forms, and Policies not only change on a regular basis, but may contain contradictory information. It is the responsibility of any individual who may review this document to check with their licensure board regarding all requirements and policies regarding the licensure process. For more information please refer to your state licensing board, click here to find your state licensing board website aamftrc.org

Does this State require a degree program to include a specific number of credit hours (e.g. 45, 48 or 60 semester credits)? If so, how many credit hours are required?
Maryland requires a 60 credit hour minimum for a master’s degree and a 90 credit hour minimum for a doctoral degree.

What type of institutional or programmatic accreditation is required?
Maryland requires the licensure applicant to possess a degree in a marriage and family therapy field from an accredited college or university.

Does the state require the program to have COAMFTE or CACREP Accreditation?
No, Maryland does not require these accreditations.

Does the State accept a COAMFTE accredited degree without requiring the applicant to list specific courses on the license application?
No.

What courses does the State require an applicant to have taken in order to have met this educational requirement for licensure?
To qualify for licensure as a clinical marriage and family therapist in Maryland, in addition to meeting the educational qualifications, the applicant shall have completed or achieved:

A. At least 45 credit hours in the following areas:
1. Three courses in the analysis of family systems, with one course in each of the following: (a) A supervised clinical practice that includes at least 60 hours of approved supervision and 300 hours of direct client contact with couples, families, and individuals, at least 100 hours of which are relational therapy; (b) Normal and abnormal personality development which includes individual development across the life span and the family life cycle; and (c) Psychopathology with emphasis on standard diagnostic manuals, as well as family systems models
2. Courses in family therapy theory and techniques as follows: (a) One course in diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders in family systems; (b) A comprehensive survey course with substantive overview of the extant major models of family therapy; and (c) Two additional courses which focus on one or several marriage and family therapy models, or three separate courses, each of which focuses on one or several marriage and family therapy models
3. Courses in couples therapy theory and techniques as follows: (a) A comprehensive survey of the extant, major models of couples therapy; (b) An intensive study of at least three different models; or (c) Three separate courses, each of which addresses a separate couples model

Additional notes:
To qualify for certification as a certified marriage and family therapist, an applicant must have at least 36 credit hours in the following areas:

1. Two courses in the analysis of family systems, with one course in each of the following: (a) A supervised clinical practice that includes at least 60 hours of approved supervision and 300 hours of direct client contact with couples, families, and individuals, at least 100 hours of which is therapy with couples and families; and (b) Normal and abnormal personality development which includes individual development across the life span and the family life cycle

2. Courses in family therapy theory and techniques as follows: (a) One comprehensive survey of the extant major models of family therapy and one course which focuses on at least one marriage and family therapy model; or (b) Three separate courses each of which addresses at least one marriage and family therapy model

3. Courses in couples therapy theory and techniques as follows: (a) One comprehensive survey of the extant, major models of couples therapy; (b) An intensive study of at least three different models; or (c) Three separate courses, each of which addresses a separate couples model

How many client contact hours must a student obtain during practicum, and how many of these must be relational hours?
A student in Maryland is required to obtain 300 client contact hours during practicum, 100 of which must be relational hours.

How many supervision hours must a student obtain during practicum?
Maryland requires 60 hours of approved supervision during practicum.

What is the required length of practicum in this state?
Maryland does not specify the length of the practicum required.

POST-GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

What are the minimum number of years of clinical experience a graduate needs to obtain a license, the minimum number of client contact hours, and how many of these hours must be relational hours?

After graduating, an individual seeking licensure in Maryland must obtain a minimum of 2 years clinical experience and at least 1000 client contact hours (the number of relational hours is not specified).

What is the minimum number of experience hours required by this State?
Maryland requires an applicant for licensure to obtain 2000 hours of experience after graduating.

What is the minimum number of post-graduate supervision hours required by this State, and how many of these hours must be individual supervision?
Maryland requires 100 hours of supervision, and at least 50 of these hours must be individual supervision.

**What are the State requirements for an individual to be qualified as a supervisor?**

"Approved marriage and family therapy supervisor" means:
(a) An Association of American Marriage and Family Therapies approved supervisor
(b) An Association of American Marriage and Family Therapies approved supervisor in training
(c) A Maryland licensed clinical marriage and family therapist
(d) Another health care provider certified or licensed under the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, who: (i) Documents 5 or more years of clinical experience working with couples and families; (ii) Documents completion of a graduate level course in marriage and family therapy supervision; and (iii) Has been approved by the Board.

**Does the state require the National Examination offered by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB)?**
Yes.

**Does the State have specific training requirements beyond the graduate degree?**
The State examination on Maryland law and regulations

**Can an individual with a criminal history request board review before actually having to apply for licensure?**
It is unclear if this option is available in Maryland.

**How can someone contact the Board in this state?**
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Every state has a "definitions" section of their rules and/or statutes. Are there any definitions that might be important for an applicant to pay attention? (Note: this is not a complete list; please review definitions in your state)
None noted.