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.

Does the 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?

No, Michigan does not specify a minimum number of credit hours.

What type of institutional or programmatic accreditation is required?

Michigan requires an applicant to have earned a degree that meets one of the following standards:

(i) Has a master’s or higher graduate degree from a regionally accredited training program in marriage and family therapy approved by the board.

(ii) Has a master’s or higher graduate degree from an accredited college or university approved by the board and has completed all of the required graduate-level courses at an accredited college or university approved by the board.

Does the State require the program to have COAMFTE or CACREP Accreditation?

Michigan 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 be have met this educational requirement for licensure?

Michigan requires the following course work:

(A) Three courses in family studies that total at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours.

(B) Three courses in family therapy methodology that total at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours.

(C) Three courses in human development, personality theory, or psychopathology that total at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours.

(D) At least 2 semester or 3 quarter hours in ethics, law, and standards of professional practice.

(E) At least 2 semester or 3 quarter hours in research.
(F) A completed supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience in conjunction with the applicant’s educational program.

**How many client contact hours must a student obtain during practicum, and how many of these must be relational hours?**

A student is required to complete not less than 300 direct client contact hours in supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience, at least 1/2 of which were completed in a setting in which families, couples, or subsystems of families were physically present in the therapy room.

**How many supervision hours must a student obtain during practicum?**

Michigan requires that a student must be supervised in a ratio of at least 1 hour of supervision for each 5 hours of direct client contact, for a total of not less than 60 hours of supervision concurrent with the 300 hours of supervised direct client contact.

**What is the required length of practicum in this State?**

Michigan requires that the practicum is not less than 8 consecutive months.
Post-Graduation 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 working toward licensure in Michigan must obtain a minimum of 1,000 direct client contact hours in supervised marriage and family therapy experience, at least 1/2 of which are completed with families, couples, or subsystems of families physically present in the therapy room. A minimum number of years is not specified in the Michigan Code.

What are the minimum number of experience hours required by this State?

Michigan does not specify a minimum number of required hours of experience after graduating.

What are the minimum number of post-graduate supervision hours required by this State, and how many of these hours must be individual supervision?

Michigan requires that an applicant for licensure is supervised in a ratio of at least 1 hour of supervision for each 5 hours of experience, for a total of not less than 200 hours of supervision concurrent with the 1,000 hours of supervised experience. Not less than 100 hours of supervision shall be individual supervision with no more than 1 other supervisee present. The remaining supervision may be group supervision involving no more than 6 supervisees with 1 supervisor. The supervision shall be given in face-to-face contact with the individual obtaining marriage and family therapy experience.

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

Michigan requires that a post graduate supervisor to be a licensed marriage and family therapist.

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

Yes. Michigan is currently considering permitting an applicant to take the examination before the applicant completes the 1,000 hours of supervised, direct client contact that is required for licensure. This will reduce the amount of time it takes an applicant to obtain a license and begin independent practice.

Does the State have specific training requirements beyond the graduate degree?

None are noted in Michigan.

Can an individual with a criminal history request board review before actually having to apply for licensure?

It is unclear if Michigan will conduct pre-application reviews.
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 are noted in Michigan.