

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 amftrc.org

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?

Nevada requires a minimum of 48 credit hours.

What type of institutional or programmatic accreditation is required?

For purposes of qualifying for licensure in Nevada, each applicant's undergraduate and graduate degrees must be from an institution, which has been accredited by a recognized regional accrediting organization. The Board may consider graduate degrees which are comparable to degrees in marriage and family therapy, psychology or social work, and which meet the requirements for course content regardless of the terminology used in the degree granted by the educational institution.

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

No, Nevada 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?

Nevada requires the following course work:

- *Human Development (Including Human Sexuality) - 2 Courses (6 Semester credits)
- *Marital and Family Systems - 2 Courses (6 Semester credits)
- *Marital and Family Therapy - 3 Courses (9 Semester credits)
- *Ethics & Professional Studies - 1 Course (3 Semester credits)
- *Diagnosis & Assessment - 1 Course (3 Semester credits)
- *Research - 1 Course (3 Semester credits)
- *Abuse of Alcohol or Controlled Substance - 1 Course (3 Semester credits)

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

Nevada requires 500 client contact hours during practicum, but the number of relational hours required is not specified.

How many supervision hours must a student obtain during practicum?

Nevada does not specify a required number of supervision hours required during practicum.

What is the required length of practicum in this State?

Students in Nevada are required to take three (3) practicum courses taken during three semesters over a minimum of 1 year.

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 seeking licensure in Nevada must obtain a minimum of 2 years clinical experience, at least 1500 client contact hours, but the number of required relational hours is not specified. Applicants have a maximum of six years to complete the post graduate process.

Additional Note: An individual must obtain a minimum of 1500 direct client contact hours, performed after applicant has become a Registered Intern. Internship structured in such a way that an intern's client contact hours do not exceed 20 hours per week to be applied toward internship hours. A maximum of 500 hours of direct client contact, performed in a graduate program of study, documented, with supervision of at least 100 hours provided by a University Supervisor.

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

Nevada requires an applicant for licensure to obtain 3000 hours of experience after graduating.

Additional Notes: An individual seeking licensure in Nevada must obtain at least 1,200 hours of work related to the practice of marriage and family therapy. Other requirements state an individual may not earn more than:

- 20 hours per week
- 300 hours of leading group counseling sessions.
- 200 hours of teaching, including but not limited to, leading sessions for parent or family education, leading workshops or participating in other teaching activities that are approved by the primary supervisor of the intern and documented.
- 150 hours of individual counseling or therapy
- 50 hours of training approved by the primary supervisor in graduate coursework or attendance at a workshop related to the practice of MFT.

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

Nevada requires 300 hours of supervision, and does not specify individual supervision hours.

Additional Notes:

Nevada requires that an applicant for licensure obtain a minimum of 160 hours with Primary Supervisor and a minimum of 40 with Secondary Supervisor. The Primary Supervisor must be an AAMFT Approved Supervisor or a Supervisor in Training, and must be individually approved by the Board. At least two

supervisors are required, secondary supervisors may be submitted at any time. The secondary supervisor need not be AAMFT Approved Supervisors).

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

Except as otherwise provided in Nevada rules, an approved supervisor of an intern must be a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor. Each potential supervisor must offer evidence satisfactory to the Board of his or her training or experience, or both, which qualifies him or her to supervise. In extenuating circumstances, the Board may approve as a secondary supervisor a person who is a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker who has received training in supervision. Each supervisor must:

- (a) Have been licensed for at least 3 years.
- (b) Not be related to the intern by closer than the fourth degree of consanguinity.
- (c) Have never professionally provided mental health therapy to the intern.
- (d) Maintain liability insurance covering the supervision.
- (e) Be approved by the Board.
- (f) Agree to be available to consult with the Board concerning the professional record, competence in practice, and emotional and mental stability or professional and ethical conduct of the intern.

Except as otherwise provided in Nevada rules, each potential primary supervisor must provide evidence satisfactory to the Board of completion of:

- (a) Supervisory training that consists of: (1) At least one graduate-level course taught by an instructor deemed appropriate by the Board, which includes at least 45 semester hours on the supervision of the practice of marriage and family therapy or the practice of clinical professional counseling, as applicable; or (2) A professional training program on supervision taught by an instructor deemed appropriate by the Board, which is provided by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy or the National Board for Certified Counselors, as applicable; and (b) At least 25 hours of supervisory experience.

In lieu of providing evidence satisfactory to the Board of the completion of supervisory training and supervisory experience as required pursuant to Nevada rules, a potential supervisor may provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that he or she has obtained and maintained, as applicable: (a) A designation as an “Approved Supervisor” or “Supervisor Candidate” from the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; or (b) A credential as an “Approved Clinical Supervisor” from the National Board for Certified Counselors.

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

Yes.

Additional notes:

Regarding the taking of the national examination, Nevada rules state:

*A failed exam may be retaken during the next scheduled offering of the exam, except that the exam may be taken only one additional time within 12 months of the failed exam. Thereafter, only one exam may be taken in any calendar year.

*If an applicant fails an exam 3 times the Board may require additional coursework to be taken before the exam can be taken again.

*If the applicant is applying for licensure as a marriage and family therapist intern, at any time after completing 1 year as a marriage and family therapist intern and before the expiration of his or her license as a marriage and family therapist intern.

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

As part of becoming an Intern, individual must complete a personal interview and, if requested by the Nevada Board, pass an oral examination conducted by the Board.

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 Nevada.

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.