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?

Tennessee does not specify a minimum number of credit hours.

What type of institutional or programmatic accreditation is required?

Tennessee requires that an applicant for licensure to have earned a masters or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy or equivalent from an institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by a comparable accrediting body. The applicant's transcript must show a masters or doctoral degree with a major in marriage and family therapy or equivalent.

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

No.

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?

Tennessee requires the following course content areas and number of courses for each area:

(i) Human Development and Personality - 3 courses
(ii) Marriage and Family Studies - 3 courses
(iii) Marriage and Family Therapy - 3 courses
(iv) Research - 1 course
(v) Professional Ethics - 1 course
(vi) Assessment and diagnosis of cognitive, affective and behavioral problems and dysfunctions in the DSM IV T.R. (or its successor) nomenclature - 1 course

How many client contact hours must a student obtain during practicum, and how many of these must be relational hours?
Tennessee requires that students complete a supervised practicum/internship of no less than three hundred (300) hours which includes experience in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of cognitive, affective and behavioral problems or dysfunctions in the DSM IV T.R. (or its successor) nomenclature. The number of relational client contact hours required is not specified in Tennessee rules and regulations.

How many supervision hours must a student obtain during practicum?

The number of practicum supervision hours required by Tennessee is not specified.

What is the required length of practicum in this State?

Tennessee does not specify a required length of practicum.
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 Tennessee must submit evidence of 1,000 hours of clinical practice over a period of not less than two years.

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

Tennessee requires an applicant for licensure to obtain two years of post-masters clinical experience consisting of not less than 10 hours per week.

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

Tennessee requires at least 200 hours of supervision by an approved supervisor.

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

Qualifications for a Supervisor in Tennessee include the following:

AAMFT Approved Supervisor or Supervisor-In-Training whose qualifications meet AAMFT standards. The supervision may be direct supervision by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor or Supervisor-In-Training who is monitoring the performance of one (1) or two (2) persons’ interaction with a client, or in a group setting. However, no more than one half (½) of the required supervision hours may be in a group setting. Unless otherwise defined by the AAMFT, a group setting may not consist of more than six (6) supervisees.

Specific qualifications for supervisors include that the supervisor must have:

1. Been in clinical practice as a marital and family therapist at least five (5) years;
2. At least two (2) years’ experience supervising marital and family therapists;
3. Received at least 36 clock hours of supervision (by an approved supervisor) of his supervisory work by at least two (2) persons doing marital and family therapy; or
4. Completed training for supervision with an AAMFT approved supervisor.

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

Yes. Tennessee also requires oral examinations are required for all applicants except those approved to upgrade from CMFT to LMFT.

Does the State have specific training requirements beyond the graduate degree?
None are noted in Tennessee, other than a required oral examination.

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

It is unclear if the Tennessee board has a process to pre-preapprove applications.

**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 Tennessee.