

**NORTH DAKOTA MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
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Proposed Title 111 Rule Changes Summary

111-02-02-05.05e. A therapist must not engage in sexual contact or other physical intimacies with a client. Sexual contact with a former client is prohibited. (changes the rule for allowing after two years after termination of services.)

111-02-01-06. Continuing education.

Several editorial changes in text for clarification.

2. LAMFT and LMFT will attest to completing the required CEU requirements. In the odd numbered year of renewal, an audit will be conducted. All LAMFT and LMFT licensees must be ready to submit the completion of required CEU's upon request of the Board. Failure to submit evidence of completion to the attestation on the renewal form will result in non-renewal of license.

3. When the licensee applies for renewal of the license, the licensee must submit documentation of the licensee's completion of the required hours of continuing education on an appropriate form furnished by the board. A receipt for payment of the fees for the course is not sufficient evidence of completion of the required hours of continuing education. Licensees shall keep attendance certificates for at least five years as the board may conduct random audits to verify compliance with subsection

An edit is made from sub-section 6-11 so that the Licensee information for CEU's reads first through this section, then the information for CEU providers in subsection 11.

7. A licensee's application for course approval:

a. A licensee must apply individually for approval of continuing education courses that have not been approved by the board in subsection 11. The licensee must submit information required in subdivision b, as well as other information the board reasonably requires to evaluate the course for approval. An application fee of \$10.00 per course for approval will be assessed by the Board for non-preapproved CEU's in Section 6 for licensed marriage and family therapists. An application fee of \$5.00 per course for approval will be assessed by the Board for non-preapproved CEU's in Section 6 for licensed associate marriage and family therapists.

NOTE CHANGE: remove references to Sections to reduce confusion.

111-02-02-02. Educational requirements; determination of equivalent degree.

2. A master's or doctoral degree is equivalent to a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy if the degree is from a regionally accredited institution, if the degree is in a related subject field, and if the degree contains the following coursework:

NOTE CHANGE: Change total credits and coursework to reflect **AAMFT COAMFTE standards (54 credits)**. Consider having initiation date of Fall 2018 or Spring 2019. Please read the text for specific changes. In line with other jurisdictions changing to 54 semester credits.

111-02-02-03. Experience Requirements.

-Additional revisions in this section:

a. nine semester hours in human development covering human development, human behavior, personality theory, human sexuality, psychopathology including the **etiology** and diagnosis of mental illness, and behavior-pathology;

g. three semester hours required in Systemic/Relational assessment and Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment, covering the development of competency in traditional psycho-diagnostic categories, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of major mental health issues as well as a wide variety of common presenting problems including, addiction, suicide, trauma, abuse, intra-familial violence, and therapy for individuals, couples, and families managing acute chronic medical conditions, utilizing a relational/systemic philosophy.

2. In calculating two years of supervised postgraduate experience in marriage and family therapy, the board shall accept a minimum of 3,000 hours, of which 1,500 hours of direct clinical client contact including the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness as specified in subsection 3 with 200 hours of postgraduate supervision by a North Dakota or other approved jurisdiction licensed marriage and family therapist supervisor over a period of not less than 24 months, full time, and no more than 48 months, part-time. All additional work used to complete this two-year experience may be supervised in a legal and ethical manner by a licensed marriage and family therapist credentialed for supervision- or a licensed mental health professional as specified in listed in the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-53 approved supervisor definition.

111-02-04-01. Renewal of license and fees.

1. Licenses issued by the board must be renewed biennially with the payment of the renewal fee required in subsection 4, completion of a renewal application, and the fulfilled reporting of continuing education requirements in section 111-02-01-06. Licensed associates renew on an annual basis up to 48 months.

2. Involuntary termination of license. A license may be temporarily suspended by the Board **under section 2 of 2017 S.B. No. 2240** if after investigation of misconduct the board deems a licensee to be in violation of ethical and professional standards and disciplinary action proceedings are in process.

111-02-04-01. Renewal of license and fees.

4. The original license fee shall be ~~\$190~~ 450 dollars. The renewal license fee shall be ~~\$140~~ 360 dollars. These fees must accompany the original and renewal applications to be complete. Licensed associate original fee shall be ~~\$75~~ 180.00 per year. The renewal associate fee shall be ~~\$50~~ 90 per year.

Other fees:

- a. Application for admission to the written examination fee shall be the current rate as established by the AMFTRB; written examination fee in accordance with the current contracted examination fee.
- b. Application for original licensure by endorsement fee, ~~\$300~~ 550.
- c. Oral Examination fee, \$75.00
- d. Duplicate license fee, ~~\$25~~ 30. Duplicate wallet renewal card, \$15.00.
- ~~d.e.~~ Sponsor's application for approval of a continuing education course fee, ~~\$75~~ 100.
- e.f. late fee for renewal, ~~\$250~~ 300 postmarked 1-90 days late, ~~\$350~~ 400 postmarked 91-365 days late. Licensed associate late fee, \$100 postmarked 1-365 days late.
- f.g. Renewal application fee for an licensed associate marriage and family therapy license fee, ~~\$40~~. Renewal application fee for a licensed marriage and family therapist, \$40.00
- g.h. Renewal of associate marriage and family therapy license annual fee, ~~\$50~~ 90. May be renewed up to four years or (3 renewals).
- ~~h.i.~~ The cost of background checks are the burden of the applicant.
- j. The one time emeritus license fee, \$200.00
- k. License verification fee, \$25.00.

Fees are increasing substantially because fees are the only means by which the Board functions financially. These fees are in line with similar Boards in neighboring jurisdictions and in ND Mental Health Boards.