SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

APPLICATION FOR <u>NATIONAL EXAMINATION</u> IN MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

Applicant must submit:

- Original transcripts documenting completion of a 48 hour Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education,
- or a program with specialty training in marriage and family counseling or therapy which is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP),
- or a graduate degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and an equivalent course of study as approved by the board which meets the standards of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy;
- □ A Non-Refundable \$100 Application Fee (money order or certified/cashier's check)

GENERAL INFORMATION (please type the following)

1.	Name			
		Last	First	MI
	EMAIL ADDRESS:			
2.	Social Security No		Date of Birth	
3.	Home Address			
4.	Home Phone #		Business Phone #	
5.	I have/have not (CIR If yes, please state or			tota Board of Counselor Examiners.
6.	Do you require ADA	accommodations?	YES	
GR	ADUATE COUNS	SELING PROG	RAM (SDCL 36-33-9)	
grad	<u>luate degree</u> must be se	nt directly to the Bo	ed the required graduate degree. A pard's office by the institution aware coursework (see last page for co	arding the degree. Submission
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EXAMINATION (ARSD 20:71:03)

The National Examination in Marital & Family Therapy is required for the SD Marriage & Family Therapist license. The examination is computer-based and offered one full week every month. A South Dakota license-trainee for the LMFT must pass the NMFTE before submitting the Plan of Supervision for their supervised training requirements. The one test center in South Dakota is located in Watertown Applicants wishing to take the examination must submit this Application, Fee, and original transcripts for Board approval If approved, the Board office will notify the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) and provide the candidate with the instructions to register for the exam online.

Contact the Board office with questions. www.counselor.sd.gov

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby state that I have fully read and understand the questions presented in this application and have answered them truthfully and completely. I acknowledge that my failure to make a full and accurate disclosure of any information called for herein may result in the denial of my application. I further acknowledge that any license I may obtain on the basis of this application may be revoked or suspended for my failure to disclose full and accurate information herein.

I will furnish additional information or documentation as may be deemed necessary by the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists for their verification of the information I have disclosed in this application.

I will not hold myself out as a state Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist until the license authorizing me to do so is in my possession.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers and statements are true and correct.

{SIGN & DATE IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC}

Dated this day of	. 20 .		
		Signature of Applicant	_
STATE OF)		
COUNTY OF	:SS)		
	•	on who executed this application; that the statements here and and of conduct in his/her profession; and that he/she	
Sworn to before me this day of _	, 20	My Commission expires: (SEAL)	
NOTARY PUBLIC			

SD Board of Examiners for Counselors and MFT's PO Box 340 Pierre, SD 57501 (605/224-1721)

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LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST COURSEWORK

To be eligible for licensure through the Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists:

The applicant has received a master's or doctoral degree which consists of at least forty-eight semester credit hours in marriage and family therapy from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education,

or a program with specialty training in marriage and family counseling or therapy which is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs,

or a graduate degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and an equivalent course of study as approved by the board which meets the standards of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

The course of study shall include:

- (a) Marriage and family studies (3 course, 9 semester credit minimum): Introductory systems theory, family development, family systems (marital, sibling, individual subsystems), special family issues, gender and cultural issues, all with major focus from a systems theory orientation;
- (b) Marriage and family therapy (3 course, 9 semester credit minimum): Advanced systems theory and interventions, major systemic marriage and family treatment approaches, (structural, strategic, neoanalytic (object relations), behavioral marriage and family therapy, communications, sex therapy, etc.);
- (c) Human development (3 course, 9 semester credit minimum): At least one course in psychopathology-abnormal behavior is required and at least one course in assessment is required. The third course may be selected from human development (normal and abnormal), personality theory, or human sexuality;
- (d) Professional studies (1 course, 3 semester credit minimum): Professional ethics as a therapist including legal and ethical responsibilities and liabilities, family law, etc;
- (e) Research (1 course, 3 semester credit minimum): Research course in marriage and family studies and therapy including research design, methodology, statistics;
- (f) Practicum (supervised clinical practice), one year minimum during graduate work: Fifteen hours per week, approximately 8 to 10 hours in direct clinical contact with individuals, couples, and families. Minimum of three hundred client contact hours required;