

Clinical Membership Requirements

Clinical Membership requirements are delineated below according to whether or not the applicant graduated from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

To determine if your graduate program was accredited by the COAMFTE at the time of your graduation, please contact the Program Director.

Requirement	COAMFTE Program Graduate	Non-COAMFTE Program Graduate	Definitions
Education	Master's or Doctoral degree in MFT or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.	Master's or Doctoral degree in MFT or related field from a regionally accredited institution.	Regional accreditation is awarded to an institution by the following regional accrediting bodies: MSA, NASC, NCA, NEASC-CIHE, SACS-CC, or WASC-Sr.
Course Requirements	Individuals who have graduated from a COAMFTE accredited program have met all 11 required courses as outlined in the AAMFT Curriculum Guidelines.	Must successfully complete the 11 required courses outlined in the AAMFT Curriculum Guidelines, either during their graduate program, or in a post-degree training program accepted by the AAMFT.	See AAMFT Curriculum guidelines (please see last page of application).
Supervised Clinical Practicum (during graduate program)	Individuals who have graduated from a COAMFTE program have met this requirement.	Minimum 1 year, 300 hours of supervised direct client contact with individuals, couples, and families.	Direct client contact: face-to-face contact with individuals, couples or families.
Post-Graduate Clinical Experience	Minimum 2 years, 1,000 hours clinical work experience in marriage and family therapy, completed concurrently with the post-graduate supervision described below. Graduates of COAMFTE programs can count client contact hours earned during the program toward this requirement based on a ratio of 1 supervision hour to every 5 client contact hours.	Minimum 2 years, 1,000 hours clinical work experience in marriage and family therapy, completed concurrently with the post-graduate supervision described below. Hours obtained during your graduate program do not count towards this requirement.	Clinical work experience: face-to-face contact with individuals, couples, and families.

Clinical Membership Requirements (Continued)

Requirement	COAMFTE Program Graduate	Non-COAMFTE Program Graduate	Definitions
Post-Graduate Supervision	200 hours of supervision completed concurrently with the 1,000 hours of clinical experience described above. At least 100 of the 200 hours must be individual supervision. Graduates of COAMFTE programs can count supervision hours earned during the program toward this requirement, based on a ratio of 1 supervision hour to every 5 client contact hours.	200 hours of supervision completed concurrently with the 1,000 hours of clinical experience described above. At least 100 of the 200 hours must be individual supervision. Hours obtained during your graduate program do not count toward this requirement.	<p>Individual supervision: face-to face contact between one supervisor and up to two supervisees.</p> <p>Group supervision: may consist of no more than 6 supervisees, regardless of the number of supervisors.</p>
Post-Graduate Supervisor (s)	The 200 hours of post-graduate supervision described above must be completed with an AAMFT Approved Supervisor or supervisor candidate. An alternate supervisor may be approved by the AAMFT on a case-by-case basis.	The 200 hours of post-graduate supervision described above must be completed with an AAMFT Approved Supervisor or supervisor candidate. An alternate supervisor may be approved by the AAMFT on a case-by-case basis.	<p>To determine if your supervisor is AAMFT Approved, contact the AAMFT or ask your supervisor.</p> <p>Alternate supervisor (s) must be accepted by AAMFT for your use, even if the supervisor has been accepted previously for another applicant. To seek acceptance, submit the Alternate Supervision Request Form with your application.</p>