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RULE CAPTION

Amends experience requirements for licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing

ADOPT:

AMEND:

833-030-0021

833-040-0021

833-050-0071

REPEAL:

RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

AMEND AND RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

Statutory Authority:

ORS 675.705 - 675.835

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:

ORS 675.705 - 675.835

RULE SUMMARY

Amends experience requirements for licensure as marriage and family therapist to be equivalent to requirements for a license as a professional counselor.

A public rulemaking hearing may be requested in writing by 10 or more people, or by an association with 10 or more members, within 21 days following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Oregon Bulletin or 28 days from the date Notice was sent to people on the agency mailing list, whichever is later. If sufficient hearing requests are received, the notice of the date and time of the rulemaking hearing must be published in the Oregon Bulletin at least 14 days before the hearing.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative

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Rule Caption (Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.)

In the Matter of:

Licensing requirements for marriage and family therapist.

Statutory Authority:

ORS 675.705 - 675.835

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:

ORS 675.705 - 675.835

Need for the Rule(s):

Implements changes to ORS 675.715 - requirements for license as marriage and family therapist.

Documents Relied Upon, and where they are available:

HB 2768 (2013 Regular Session of the Legislature) available on the legislative website.

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>

Fiscal and Economic Impact:

May save supervision costs for those gaining supervised clinical experience to qualify as a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Statement of Cost of Compliance:

1. Impact on state agencies, units of local government and the public (ORS 183.335(2)(b)(E)):

None.

2. Cost of compliance effect on small business (ORS 183.336):

a. Estimate the number of small business and types of businesses and industries with small businesses subject to the rule:

None.

b. Projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services:

None.

c. Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance:

None.

How were small businesses involved in the development of this rule?

Through legislative hearing process.

Administrative Rule Advisory Committee consulted?: Yes

If not, why?:

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists served as the rule advisory committee.

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**OREGON BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS & THERAPISTS
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES**

833-030-0021

Experience Requirements for Licensure as a Professional Counselor

(1) To qualify for licensure as a professional counselor under ORS 675.715(3) and 675.720, an applicant must have completed the equivalent of three years of full-time supervised clinical counseling experience that consisted of no less than 2,400 supervised direct client contact hours of counseling. The supervised counseling experience must be:

- (a) Completed in Oregon prior to June 30, 2002;
- (b) Completed in another state or country prior to application;
- (c) Completed while a registered intern with the Board;
- (d) Up to 400 hours of supervised direct client contact completed during the clinical portion of the qualifying graduate degree program; or
- (e) Any combination of hours completed as indicated in (a), (b), (c) and (d).

~~(2) Direct client contact hours for applicants seeking the professional counselor license, may be comprised of pre-degree hours plus post-degree hours.~~

~~(3)~~ **(2)** Direct client contact hours must have been face to face with a client or clients and/or contact via electronic communication consistent with OAR 833 division 90.

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Experience Requirements for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist

(1) To qualify for licensure as a marriage and family therapist under ORS 675.715(4) and 675.720, an applicant must have completed at least three years of full-time supervised clinical experience that consisted of no less than 2,000 supervised client contact hours of therapy with at least 1,000 of those hours working with couples and families.

(2) Those who apply to become a licensed marriage and family therapist on or after January 2, 2014, must have completed the equivalent of three years of full-time supervised clinical therapy experience that consisted of no less than ~~2,000~~ **2,400** supervised direct client contact hours of therapy with at least 1,000 of those hours working with couples and families.

~~(3) Direct client contact hours must have been:~~

~~(a) Obtained after receipt of the qualifying graduate degree; and~~

~~(b) Face to face with a client or clients including through electronic communication.~~

(3) The supervised counseling experience must be:

(a) Completed in Oregon prior to June 30, 2002;

(b) Completed in another state or country prior to application;

(c) Completed while a registered intern with the Board;

(d) Up to 400 hours of supervised direct client contact completed during the clinical portion of the qualifying graduate degree program; or

(e) Any combination of hours completed as indicated in (a), (b), (c) and (d).

(4) Direct client contact hours must have been face to face with a client or clients and/or contact via electronic communication consistent with OAR 833 division 90.

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Direct Client Contact

~~(1)~~ Applicants for ~~LPC~~ **Registered interns** must accrue 2,400 hours of supervised direct client contact to qualify for licensure.

~~(2)~~ **(a) LPC Registered** interns must complete at least 1,000 of the required 2,400 hours direct client contact while in a Board-approved intern work plan.

~~(3)~~ **(b) LPC Registered** interns may count direct client contact hours acquired outside a registered intern plan as follows:

~~(a)~~ **(A)** Up to 400 direct client contact hours accrued as part of a graduate degree internship;

~~(b)~~ **(B)** Post-degree supervised direct client contact hours completed in Oregon prior to June 30, 2002; and

~~(c)~~ **(C)** Post-degree supervised direct client contact hours completed outside of Oregon that meet Oregon requirements at the time of application for licensure.

~~(4)~~ **(2)** Applicants for LMFT must accrue 2,400 hours of supervised direct client contact with at least 1,000 of those hours working with couples and families to qualify for licensure.

(5) Applications for dual licensure as professional counselor and marriage and family therapist must meet the requirements for both licenses.

(6) Direct client contact must be face to face with a client or clients and/or contact via electronic communication consistent with OAR 833 division 90.

(7) Registered interns must receive and document supervision for and report all direct client contact hours at places of practice listed as part of their Board-approved plan.