

Daybreak University
MA and Ph.D. Programs in Counseling
with a Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy

Licensure and Regulatory Requirements Informed Acknowledgement Form

This is to inform applicants seeking a Master's or Doctoral degree in Counseling with a Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) at Daybreak University of licensure application requirements in California as well as potential licensure and regulatory requirement differences across states in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy. This form must be signed and submitted PRIOR to beginning either program.

The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) has determined that our university's MA program with the Specialization in MFT meets the statutory requirements for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in California once all application, post-degree clinical and supervisory experience, exams, and background check have been completed. Students who complete the Ph.D. program will also meet the statutory requirements for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in California either through course transfer or enrolling in and completing the course as well as post-degree requirements.

The following link offers more specific information about licensure in California which includes:

- Obtain a Qualifying Master's Degree
- Register as an AMFT
- Live Scan
- Criminal Background Check
- Take and pass the California Law and Ethics Exam
- Accrue Supervised Experience
- Take and Pass the LMFT Clinical Exam
- Obtain LMFT license

[Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist - Board of Behavioral Science](https://www.bbs.ca.gov/applicants/lmft.html)

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Applicants should be advised that there are potential differences in MFT licensure requirements across state/provincial regulatory bodies. MFT is held to strict licensure requirements, which include at least a Master's level of education as well as supervised clinical practicum hours and successful passing of exams. Licensure requirements vary by state to protect their residents in the states therefore each state has different requirements, regulations, and licensure exams.

Information found at the following link describes specific licensure requirements in all 50 states.

[State Licensure Comparison – AMFTRB](https://amftrb.org/resources/state-licensure-comparison/)

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[State Requirements – AMFTRB](#)

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[MFT State/Provincial Resources](#)

(https://www.aamft.org/AAMFT/BUILD_Your_Career/MFT_State_Provincial_Resources/Advocacy/State_Resources/MFT_State_Resources.aspx?hkey=261d7879-9d5b-4aa0-b60c-c15e82b8b095)

Applicants, students, and graduates should contact the regulatory body in the state or province they wish to practice PRIOR to enrolling in the Daybreak University programs. Applicants, students, and graduates are responsible for learning the requirements in the state they plan to practice and obtaining the necessary requirements prior to applying for licensure in that state. The MA and Ph.D. programs in Counseling with a Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) at Daybreak University MAY NOT sufficiently cover the MFT licensure requirements in other states or provinces.

Please note: *The California LMFT exam is not the same exam as the AMFTRB (Association for Marital & Family Regulatory Board) National Examination* used by all of the other US'S jurisdictions including the District of Columbia and Guam. ([AMFTRB](#))

State/Provincial Telehealth Guidelines

This guideline contains information pertaining to teletherapy laws at the state-level, including any waivers to certain teletherapy requirements and policies regarding insurance reimbursement for teletherapy. Not all states have regulations; updates will be made to this page as new information is received. This information can change rapidly.

[State Guide for Telehealth](#)

(https://www.aamft.org/Events/State_Guide_for_Telehealth.aspx)

I acknowledge that before I begin the MA or Ph.D. MFT program in Counseling with a Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) at Daybreak University I was given a copy of Daybreak University's MFT Student Handbook with information about the school's policies as well as the potential differences in MFT licensure requirements across states.

Please verify that you have read each statement.

Student's Name:

Student ID Number:

Student's Daybreak University E-mail Address:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____