

WAC 246-809-130 Supervised postgraduate experience. The experience requirements for the marriage and family therapist applicant's practice area include successful completion of a supervised experience requirement. The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two calendar years of full-time marriage and family therapy. Total experience requirements include:

(1) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience that includes one thousand hours of direct client contact with at least five hundred hours gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;

(2) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with an approved supervisor.

(a) Of the two hundred hours, one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and family therapist with at least five years of clinical experience; the other one hundred hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner;

(b) At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be one-on-one supervision; and

(c) The remaining hours may be in one-on-one or group supervision.

(3) Applicants who have completed a master's program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy boards will be credited with five hundred hours of direct client contact and one hundred hours of qualified supervision with an approved supervisor;

(4) Licensed marriage and family therapist associate applicants are not required to have supervised postgraduate experience prior to becoming an associate;

(5) Licensed marriage and family therapist associate applicants must declare they are working towards full licensure.

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