

4757-29-01 Marriage and family therapy supervision.

This rule applies to all supervisees who are working toward licensure as independent marriage and family therapists and marriage and family therapists who are applying under rule 4757-25-04 of the Administrative Code. It also applies to marriage and family therapists who are working under the supervision of an independently licensed mental health professional in a clinical setting.

(A) Definition of supervision:

(1) "Training supervision" is individual or group supervision applied to all individuals who are gaining the experience required for a license as an independent marriage and family therapist or under 4757-25-04 of the Administrative Code for a license as a marriage and family therapist. This type of supervision requires extensive time and involvement on the part of the supervisor in order to help supervisees improve their skills and/or learn new skills, and promote the professional development as a marriage and family therapist.

(2) "Work supervision" is supervision required of marriage and family therapists who are working in a clinical setting. Marriage and family therapists shall disclose to their clients in writing that they are working in a clinical setting under the supervision of an appropriately licensed mental health professional. The supervisee shall also disclose to their clients in writing the name(s) of the said professional(s).

(3) "Group supervision" is board approved supervision that consists of a case related interactive face-to-face meeting with one supervisor and no more than six supervisees, which is different from psychotherapy or teaching.

(4) "Individual supervision" is board approved supervision that consists of a case related interactive face-to-face meeting between one supervisor meeting with no more than two supervisees, which is different from psychotherapy or teaching.

(B) Training supervision purposes:

(1) provide for the protection of consumer and client welfare;

(2) To provide that supervisees function within the limits of their competence;

(3) To enhance professional development of a marriage and family therapist;

(4) To provide training in activities relevant to the supervisee's position and academic background.

(C) Requirements for training:

(1) All supervisees engaging in training supervision for licensure as independent marriage and family therapists shall be under supervision of one of the following:

(a) An "American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Approved Supervisor" who holds an Ohio license as an independent marriage and family therapist, a professional clinical counselor, an independent social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist;

(b) A licensed independent marriage and family therapist with three years post degree experience in the field of marriage and family therapy;

(2) Request for exceptions due to hardship shall be made in writing to the board. The supervisor shall have demonstrated competence in the area in which they are supervising and have training in legal and ethical issues relevant to marriage and family therapy.

(3) A training supervisee shall choose a training supervisor who has the academic training, experience and areas of competence to supervise trainees. Training supervisees may not choose a supervisor who is a family member or otherwise has a personal relationship with the supervisee.

(4) Marriage and family therapists who are registered with the board for training supervision in a clinical setting shall not collect fees in their own names. All billings shall be done by the employing agency or the licensed supervisor.

(5) Individuals in the process of completing the supervised experience required for independent licensure may be employed on a paid basis as long as they are practicing within the scope of practice of the license for which they are applying, and are properly licensed as a marriage and family therapist or hold a temporary license as a marriage and family therapist.

(6) Supervised marriage and family therapist experience obtained out of state may count toward the supervised experience requirement. Applicants shall request this consideration in writing from the marriage and family therapist professional standards committee. Supervisees presenting supervision experience from another state shall provide documentation that the supervisor is equivalent to the

requirements of (C)(1)(a) or (b) of this rule and shall provide the vita of their supervisors to demonstrate that their supervisors are licensed to supervise the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders and thus are acceptable to the board.

(7) In the event that a supervisee is practicing under work supervision, the rules for training supervision will supersede the rules for work supervision.

(D) Documentation of training supervision:

(1) It is the responsibility of the supervisee to ensure that the supervisor and the experience meet the requirements of this rule.

(2) Records of training supervision shall be maintained by the supervisee and made available to the board upon request. The supervision records shall contain information concerning the dates of supervision, content and goals of supervision, and shall be signed off on by a supervisor at least quarterly.

(3) Supervisees may request board pre-approval of the supervisor on a form provided by the board. Pre-approval is not required.

(E) Work supervision of marriage and family therapists practicing in a clinical setting shall be under the supervision of an independent marriage and family therapist, a professional clinical counselor, an independent social worker with a clinical area of competence, a psychologist, or psychiatrist.

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