

102-5-6a. Licensure without examination.

(a) On or after January 1, 1997 and before July 1, 1998, an applicant may qualify for licensure as a marriage and family therapist without examination by submitting an application, license application fee, and all supporting documents that demonstrate that, at the time of application, the applicant meets the educational and experience requirements of either paragraph (1) or paragraph (2).

(1) To qualify for licensure without examination under this paragraph, an applicant shall fulfill these requirements:

(A) have completed the education requirements provided in subsection (a), subsection (b), or subsection (c) of K.A.R. 102-5-3;

(B) have satisfied the professional supervised experience requirements provided in K.A.R. 102-5-7a;

(C) have practiced postgraduate marriage and family therapy continuously for five years immediately before application, as demonstrated by the applicant's attestation that the applicant averaged eight client contact hours per week for at least nine months out of each of the five years immediately before application; and

(D) be given proportionate credit under this subsection toward the requirement of five years of continuous practice of marriage and family therapy, when the applicant successfully completes any portion of the postgraduate supervised experience that occurred within the five years immediately before application.

(2) To qualify for licensure without examination under this paragraph, an applicant shall meet these conditions:

(A) have completed a graduate degree in a related field as defined in K.A.R. 102-5-1(o);

(B) have practiced postgraduate marriage and family therapy continuously for five years immediately before application for licensure. The applicant shall demonstrate the five years of continuous practice by submitting the following:

(i) an attestation that the applicant averaged eight client contact hours per week for at least nine months out of each of the five years immediately before application;

(ii) attestations on board-approved forms from at least two persons who are not related to the applicant, who are lawfully engaged in the practice of marriage and family therapy or a related field, and who can verify that the applicant is recognized as a professional who has been engaged in the practice of marriage and family therapy; and

(iii) supporting documentation, such as an official job description, a published description of the applicant's professional services as offered to clients, membership in marriage and family therapy professional associations, or participation in marriage and family therapy continuing education activities.

(b) In addition, each applicant for licensure without examination shall submit on board-approved forms, three professional references that attest to the applicant's competency to practice marriage and family therapy. Such references shall be from individuals who are not related to the applicant and who are lawfully authorized to practice marriage and family therapy or to practice in a related field.

(c) Each applicant for licensure without examination shall arrange for the applicant's transcripts covering all applicable graduate college or university course work to be sent directly from each academic institution to the board office. Each applicant who graduated from a college or university outside the United States shall also arrange to have the

applicant's transcript translated and evaluated for degree equivalency by a source and in a manner that is acceptable to the board.

(d) When the applicant receives the board's notice that the applicant has satisfied all eligibility requirements for licensure without examination, the applicant shall submit the fee for the original two-year licensure period.

(e) An applicant or a prospective applicant shall not receive a judgment on the applicant's eligibility for licensure until the board receives all application materials and the applicant completes all application procedures.

(f) This regulation shall have no force or effect on or after July 1, 1998.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 74-7507(j); implementing K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 65-6305, 65-6308, and 65-6411; effective Dec. 19, 1997.)