Application for Dual Licensure as a Marriage & Family Therapist

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Are you the spouse of a veteran of the United States Armed Services?

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Marriage & Family Therapist Dual Licensure **$180.00**

Total fee of $180.00 includes the following:

Application Fee	$100.00
Initial Licensure Fee	$75.00
Unlicensed Activity Fee	$5.00

Fees must be paid in the form of a cashier's check or money order, made payable to the Department of Health. An applicant who is denied licensure or withdraws their application is entitled to a $80.00 (Licensure Fee and Unlicensed Activity Fee) refund. Requests to withdraw or for a refund must be made in writing. Fees are refundable for up to three years from the date of receipt.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Last/Surname First Middle MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address: (The address where mail and your license should be sent)

_____ _____ _____
Street/P.O. Box Apt. No. City

_____ _____ _____ _____
State ZIP Country Home/Cell Telephone (Input without dashes)

Practice Location: (Required if mailing address is a P.O. Box- This address will be posted on the Department of Health's website)

_____ _____ _____
Street Suite No. City

_____ _____ _____ _____
State ZIP Country Work/Cell Telephone (Input without dashes)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DATA:

We are required to ask that you furnish the following information as part of your voluntary compliance with 41 CFR Part 60-3-Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedure (1978); 43 FR 38295 and 38296 (August 25, 1978). This information is gathered for statistical and reporting purposes only and does not in any way affect your candidacy for licensure.

Gender: Male Female

Race: Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; American Indian or Alaska Native; Two or More Races; Hispanic or Latino; Black or African American; White; Asian

Email Notification: To be notified of the status of your application by email, check the "Yes" box and fill in your email address on the line provided. If you choose to be notified via email you will be responsible for checking your email regularly and updating your email address with the board office.

Yes No Email Address: _____

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not provide an email address or send electronic mail to our office. Instead contact the office by phone or in writing.

2. SOCIAL SECURITY DISCLOSURE

This information is exempt from public records disclosure.

Pursuant to Title 42 United States Code § 666(a)(13), the department is required and authorized to collect Social Security numbers relating to applications for professional licensure. Additionally, section (s.) 456.013(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the collection of Social Security numbers as part of the general licensing provisions.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____
(Input without dashes)

Social Security Information- * Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of Social Security numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by federal statute. In this instance, Social Security numbers are mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code § 653 and 654; and s. 456.013(1), 409.2577, and 409.2598, F.S. Social Security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to ensure compliance with child support obligations. Social Security numbers must also be recorded on all professional and occupational license applications and will be used for license identification pursuant to Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act. 104 Pub. L. Section 317). Clarification of the SSA process may be reviewed at www.ssa.gov or by calling 1-800-772-1213.

Name: _____

3. APPLICANT BACKGROUND

A. List any other name(s) by which you have been known in the past. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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B. To be eligible for dual licensure as a marriage and family therapist, you must hold a Florida license that has been valid and active for at least three years in one of the following.

Select all that apply:
Licensed Clinical Social Worker under chapter (ch.) 491, F.S.
Licensed Mental Health Counselor under ch. 491, F.S.
Licensed Psychologist under ch. 490, F.S.
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse certified under s. 464.012, F.S., as a specialist in psychiatric mental health by the Board of Nursing

C. Do you hold, or have you ever held a license to practice any counseling-related professions or any other health-related license(s)? Yes No

D. List all health-related licenses (active, inactive or lapsed).

License Type	License #	State/Country	Original Date Issued (MM/DD/YYYY)	Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Status of License

Submit a License Verification form to **ALL** state(s) of licensure. License verifications must be received directly from the licensing authority regardless of the status of the license. **A copy of your license will not be accepted** in lieu of official verification from the licensing agency.

E. List all pending applications for licensure in a counseling-related profession.

License Type	State/Country

4. DISASTER

Would you be willing to provide health services in special needs shelters or to help staff disaster medical assistance teams during times of emergency or major disaster? Yes No

5. EXAMINATION INFORMATION

For information regarding application deadlines, examination approval, and examination dates, visit floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources/exam-schedule/.

The Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) offers an online practice version of the national Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) exam for purchase at www.amftrb.org.

Applicants requiring Special Testing Accommodations:

Licensed marriage and family therapy candidates requiring special accommodations must submit an application for special testing accommodations **no later than 60 days prior** to sitting for the examination to the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC). Candidates must submit their requests using the Request for Special Needs Accommodations Form found online at http://www.ptcny.com/PDF/PTC_SpecialAccommodationRequestForm.pdf.

You may reach the PTC by phone at 212-356-0660.

Name: _____

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6. HEALTH HISTORY

Physical and Mental Health Disorders Impacting Ability to Practice

A. During the last two years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed physical or mental disorder that impaired or would impair your ability to practice? Yes No

B. In the last two years, have you been admitted or referred to a hospital, facility or impaired practitioner program for treatment of a diagnosed mental or physical disorder that impaired your ability to practice? Yes No

Substance-Related Disorders Impacting Ability to Practice

C. During the last five years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol or drug) disorder that impaired or would impair your ability to practice? Yes No

D. During the last five years, were you admitted or directed into a program for the treatment of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol or drug) disorder or, if you were previously in such a program, did you suffer a relapse? Yes No

E. During the last five years, have you been enrolled in, required to enter, or participated in any substance-related (alcohol or drug) recovery program or impaired practitioner program for treatment of drug or alcohol abuse? Yes No

If a "Yes" response was provided to any of the questions in this section, provide the following documents directly to the board office:

A letter from a Licensed Health Care Practitioner, who is qualified by skill and training to address the condition identified, which explains the impact the condition may have on the ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety. The letter must specify that the applicant is safe to practice the profession without restrictions or specifically indicate the restrictions that are necessary. Documentation provided must be dated within one year of the application date.

A written self-explanation, identifying the medical condition(s) or occurrence(s); and current status.

Name: _____

7. DISCIPLINE HISTORY

A. Have you ever been denied a psychotherapy or counseling-related license or the renewal thereof in any state? Yes No

B. Have you ever been denied the right to take a psychotherapy or counseling-related licensure examination? Yes No

C. Have you ever had a license to practice any profession revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against in a disciplinary proceeding in any state? Yes No

D. Is there currently pending, in any jurisdiction, a complaint or investigation against your professional conduct or competency? Yes No

E. Have you ever been involved in, reprimanded for or disciplined by an employer or educational institution for misconduct including fraud, misrepresentation, academic misconduct, theft or sexual harassment? Yes No

If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, complete the following:

Name of Agency	State	Action Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Final Action	Under Appeal?
				Y N
				Y N
				Y N
				Y N

If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you must provide the following:

A written self-explanation, describing in detail the circumstances surrounding the disciplinary action.

A copy of the **Administrative Complaint** and **Final Order**.

8. CRIMINAL HISTORY

Have you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or no contest to any crime in any jurisdiction other than a minor traffic offense? You must include all misdemeanors and felonies, even if adjudication was withheld.

Reckless driving, driving while license suspended or revoked (DWLSR), driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while impaired (DWI) are not minor traffic offenses for purposes of this question. Yes No

If you responded "Yes," complete the following:

Offense	Jurisdiction	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Final Disposition	Under Appeal?
				Y N
				Y N
				Y N

If you responded "Yes" in this section, you must provide the following:

A written self-explanation, describing in detail the circumstances surrounding each offense; including dates, city and state, charges and final results.

Final Dispositions and **Arrest Records** for all offenses. The Clerk of the Court in the arresting jurisdiction will provide you with these documents. Unavailability of these documents must come in the form of a letter from the Clerk of the Court.

Completion of Sentence Documents. You may obtain documents from the Department of Corrections. The report must include the start date, end date, and that the conditions were met.

Name: _____

9. CRIMINAL AND MEDICAID / MEDICARE FRAUD QUESTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Applicants for licensure, certification, or registration and candidates for examination may be excluded from licensure, certification, or registration if their felony convictions fall into certain timeframes as established in s. 456.0635(2), F.S.

1. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, to a felony under ch. 409, F.S. (relating to social and economic assistance), ch. 817, F.S. (relating to fraudulent practices), ch. 893, F.S. (relating to drug abuse prevention and control), or a similar felony offense(s) in another state or jurisdiction? Yes No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 2.

   a. If "Yes" to 1, for the felonies of the first or second degree, has it been more than 15 years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of any subsequent probation? Yes No

   b. If "Yes" to 1, for the felonies of the third degree, has it been more than ten years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of subsequent probation (this question does not apply to felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), F.S.)? Yes No

   c. If "Yes" to 1, for the felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), F.S., has it been more than five years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of any subsequent probation? Yes No

   d. If "Yes" to 1, have you successfully completed a drug court program that resulted in the plea for the felony offense being withdrawn or the charges dismissed (if "Yes," please provide supporting documentation)? Yes No

2. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, to a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 (relating to public health, welfare, Medicare and Medicaid issues)? Yes No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 3.

   a. If "Yes" to 2, has it been more than 15 years before the date of application since the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended? Yes No

3. Have you ever been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program pursuant to s. 409.913, F.S.? Yes No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 4.

   a. If you have been terminated but reinstated, have you been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid Program for the most recent five years? Yes No

4. Have you ever been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program? Yes No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 5.

   a. Have you been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent five years? Yes No

   b. Did termination occur at least 20 years before the date of this application? Yes No

Name: _____

5. Are you currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE)? Yes No

   a. If you responded "Yes" to the question above, are you listed because you defaulted or are delinquent on a student loan? Yes No

   b. If you responded "Yes" to question 5.a., is the student loan default or delinquency the only reason you are listed on the LEIE? Yes No

If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you must provide the following:

A written explanation for each question including the county and state of each termination or conviction, date of each termination or conviction, and copies of supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation including court dispositions or agency orders where applicable.

Documentation for sections 6, 7, 8, and 9 must be submitted to MQA.491@flhealth.gov, or mailed to:

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258

10. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, state that I am the person identified in this application for licensure in the state of Florida.

I recognize that providing false information may result in disciplinary action against my license or criminal penalties pursuant to s. 456.067, F.S.

I understand that Florida law requires me to immediately inform the board of any material change in any circumstances or condition stated in the application which takes place between the initial filing and the final granting or denial of the license and to supplement the information on this application as needed.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the regulations in ch. 491, F.S., and related rules. I understand that I am under a continuing obligation to keep informed of any changes to ch. 491, F.S., and related rules. I further state that I will comply with all requirements for licensure renewal, including continuing education credits.

Section 456.013(1)(a), F.S., provides that an incomplete application shall expire one year after the initial filing with the department.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
You may print this application and sign it or sign digitally. MM/DD/YYYY

Complete verifications must be mailed directly from the licensing agency to:

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258

License / Certification Verification Request

Part I: To be completed by applicant (Florida requires verification of all your current and previously held licenses.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name original license was issued under: _____

License Number: _____ State: _____

I hereby authorize release of any information regarding my licensure status to the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Part II: To be completed by state licensing agency

All verifications must be in English and include the following criteria:

* Typed on an official state form or letterhead
* Include an official board seal
* Signature and title of state board official

The following information must be included in all verifications:

* Licensee name
* License number
* State or jurisdiction of licensure
* Licensure status
* Is license in good standing?
* Date of issuance and expiration
* Licensure method (examination, grandfathering, reciprocity/endorsement). If exam, provide exam name, exam level, exam date, and score achieved.
* Has this license ever been encumbered (denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, limited, placed on probation)?
* If this license has ever been encumbered, please provide certified copies of documentation regarding the action with the completed license verification.