

Frequently Asked Questions: LMFT-Supervisor Candidates and LMFT-Supervisors

-What's the difference between a LMFT-S and a Board-approved LMFT-S?

Although you may be a LMFT-S, this does not mean that you may supervise any MFT Intern. In order to comply with current laws and Board rules, LMFT-Supervisors must be approved by the Board as the Board-approved LMFT-S for each MFT Intern they wish to supervise. MFT Interns are required to remain under the active supervision of a LMFT-S until they are licensed. Even if a MFT Intern has completed the required 3000 supervision hours or passed the NMFTE, they must remain under supervision until they have been approved for licensure.

- How do I apply to become a LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidate?

Individuals interested in become a LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidate must be licensed as a LMFT for at least two years, submit [Sections 1 and 2](#) of the supervisor candidate application, documentation of a one-semester graduate-level course in Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision OR a 30-hour course of study approved by the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee, an updated Statement of Practices and Procedures, and the \$100 LMFT-Supervisor Candidate application fee. You may only supervise MFT Interns once your LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidate application has been approved. Failure to do so will result in a MFT Intern's inability to count client contact/supervision hours accrued under your supervision toward licensure and possibly disciplinary action.

AAMFT Supervisor Candidates must also apply with the Board as a LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidate in order to begin supervising MFT Interns. You may only supervise MFT Interns once your LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidate application has been approved. Failure to do so will result in a MFT Intern's inability to count client contact/supervision hours accrued under your supervision toward licensure and possibly disciplinary action.

- Can LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidates supervise MFT Interns?

Yes, but you must first be officially approved by the Board. You may only supervise MFT Interns once your LMFT Registered Supervisor Candidate application has been approved. Failure to do so will result in a MFT Intern's inability to count client contact/supervision hours accrued under your supervision toward licensure and possibly disciplinary action.

- How do I apply to become a LMFT-Supervisor?

Individuals interested in becoming a LMFT-Supervisor must have be licensed as a LMFT for at least two years, submit the [LMFT-Supervisor application](#), documentation of a one-semester graduate-level course in Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision OR a 30-hour course of study approved by the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee, documentation of 36 hours of supervision of supervision, an updated Statement of Practices and Procedures, and the \$100 LMFT-Supervisor application fee. You may only supervise MFT Interns once your LMFT-Supervisor application has been approved. Failure to do so will result in a MFT Intern's inability to count client contact/supervision hours accrued under your supervision toward licensure and possibly disciplinary action.

AAMFT Approved Supervisors must also apply with the Board as a LMFT-Supervisor in order to begin supervising MFT Interns. AAMFT Approved Supervisor must be licensed as a LMFT for at least two years,

submit the LMFT supervisor application, documentation of their credential as a AAMFT Approved Supervisor, and the \$100 LMFT-Supervisor application fee. You may only supervise MFT Interns once your LMFT-Supervisor application has been approved. Failure to do so will result in a MFT Intern's inability to count client contact/supervision hours accrued under your supervision toward licensure and possibly disciplinary action.

- Do I have to submit an updated Statement of Practices and Procedures?

Yes. In this updated document you will refer to yourself as a LMFT-Registered Supervisor Candidate or a LMFT-Supervisor. Please refer to our sample [Statement of Practices and Procedures](#) for LMFT-Supervisor applicants.

- My MFT Intern supervisee wants to change supervisors. What paperwork and documentation should I submit?

MFT Interns changing Board-approved supervisors must submit an updated Section 2 and Section 3 of the Registration of Supervision application, \$100 change of supervisor application fee, a Documentation of Experience form documenting the hours accrued with their current Board-approved supervisor, and an updated Statement of Practices and Procedures.

MFT Interns must remain under the supervision of their current Board-approved supervisor until their new Board-approved supervisor has been approved. If supervision with their current Board-approved supervisor is terminated before a new supervisor is approved, they must discontinue practicing mental health counseling until a new Board-approved supervisor has been approved.

-I want to terminate my supervisory relationship with my MFT Intern supervisee. What paperwork and documentation should I submit?

If you wish to terminate supervision with a MFT Intern, you must submit a Documentation of Experience form. Also, please submit in writing the reason for the termination and the date of your last meeting with your supervisee. Until the Documentation of Experience form is received, you are responsible for the MFT Intern and they will remain on your list of current supervisees.

- If my MFT Intern has completed their supervision hours, but has not passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy Examination (NMFTE), do they have to remain under supervision?

Yes. A registered MFT Intern must remain under supervision of their LMFT-S not only until they pass the NMFTE, but until they are officially approved for LMFT licensure. It is unlawful to practice any type of mental health counseling as a MFT Intern unless you are under the **active** supervision of a Louisiana Board-approved supervisor.