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CHAPTER 64B4-11
DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SOCIAL WORK

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64B4-11.007 Definition of “Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or the Equivalent, Who Is a Qualified Supervisor.”

(1) “Licensed clinical social worker, or the equivalent, who is a qualified supervisor,” as used in Section 491.005(1)(c), F.S., is defined as an individual who, during the period for which the applicant claims supervised clinical experience, meets one of the following:

- (a) Holds an active license as a clinical social worker in the State of Florida;
- (b) Is licensed or certified as a social worker in a jurisdiction other than Florida in which the supervision took place, or resides in a jurisdiction other than Florida in which licensure was not required, provided that he or she meets the education and experience requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker under Section 491.005(1), F.S., or
- (c) Is licensed as a marriage and family therapist, or mental health counselor in Florida or in the state in which the supervision took place and can demonstrate nine semester or twelve quarter hours of course work in social work theories and techniques. The concerned hours shall be chosen from an accredited graduate school of social work and relate to three (3) of the following six areas of content: human behavior and social environment I and/or II, social work practice theories, models of the social work practice, advanced social work practice, or ethical issues in contemporary social work practice.

(2) This rule applies to all supervisors providing clinical supervision to interns and trainees.

(3) A qualified supervisor who provides supervision in Florida for interns and trainees must meet equivalency standards of subsection (1); and,

- (a) Have completed four (4) years of clinical social work experience, two (2) years of which can be earned during a post-masters clinical internship with the remaining two (2) years of experience earned post-licensure; and,
- (b) Have completed, subsequent to licensure as a clinical social worker, training in supervision in one of the following:
 - 1. A graduate level academic course in supervision which meets the requirements of Rule 64B4-6.0025, F.A.C., or
 - 2. A continuing education course in supervisory training which meets the requirements of Rule 64B4-6.0025, F.A.C., or
 - 3. A post-graduate training course for field instructors in clinical social work, or
 - 4. Has been designated an Approved Supervisor by the AAMFT.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(1)(c) FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 1-4-90, 12-19-90, Formerly 21CC-11.007, 61F4-11.007, Amended 1-7-96, 12-29-96, 6-16-97, Formerly 59P-11.007, Amended 12-11-97, 8-8-99, 6-14-05, 7-16-06, 8-28-07, 4-29-10.

64B4-11.008 Definition of “a Clinical Social Work Graduate Program with Comparable Standards.”

For purposes of Section 491.005(2)(b), F.S., a clinical social work graduate program with comparable standards is defined as:

- (1) A doctoral program in social work at an institution which was accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, or
- (2) A masters degree program at a school of social work accredited or in candidacy status of accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education or the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, or
- (3) A graduate level program meeting the requirements of Section 491.005(1)(b)1.c., F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(2)(b) FS. History—New 8-6-89, Amended 12-19-90, Formerly 21CC-11.008, 61F4-11.008, Amended 11-27-94, Formerly 59P-11.008.

64B4-11.009 Treatment by a Clinical Social Worker.

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**CHAPTER 64B4-21
DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

- 64B4-21.007 Definition of “a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with at Least Five Years Experience or the Equivalent, Who Is a Qualified Supervisor”
- 64B4-21.009 Treatment by a Marriage and Family Therapist (Repealed)

64B4-21.007 Definition of “a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with at Least Five Years Experience or the Equivalent, Who Is a Qualified Supervisor.”

(1) “A licensed marriage and family therapist, who is a qualified supervisor,” as used in Section 491.005(3)(c), F.S., is defined as an individual who, during the period for which the applicant claims supervision meets one of the following:

- (a) Holds an active license as a marriage and family therapist in the state of Florida;
- (b) Is licensed or certified as a marriage and family therapist in another state, or resides in a state in which licensure for marriage and family therapy is not required, and can document a minimum of six (6) semester or eight (8) quarter hours of graduate coursework in marriage and family systemic theories and techniques, and five (5) years of clinical experience as a marriage and family therapist, or
- (c) Is designated an Approved Supervisor by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy;
- (d) Is licensed as a clinical social worker or mental health counselor in Florida, or in the state in which the supervision took place, and can document a minimum of six (6) semester or eight (8) quarter hours of graduate coursework in marriage and family systemic theories and techniques, and five (5) years of clinical experience in marriage and family therapy, two (2) years of which can be earned during a post-masters clinical internship.

(2) This rule applies to all supervisors providing clinical supervision to interns and trainees.

(3) A qualified supervisor who provides supervision in Florida for interns and trainees must meet equivalency standards of paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c) or (d) and have:

- (a) Completed five (5) years of clinical experience, two (2) years of which can be earned during a post-masters clinical internship with the remaining three (3) years of experience earned post-licensure; and,
- (b) Completed, subsequent to licensure as a marriage and family therapist, training in supervision in one of the following:
 1. A graduate level academic course in supervision which meets the requirements of Rule 64B4-6.0025, F.A.C., or
 2. A continuing education course in supervisory training which meets the requirements of Rule 64B4-6.0025, F.A.C., or
 3. Is designated an Approved Supervisor by the AAMFT.

Rulemaking Authority 491.005(6) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(3) FS. History—New 7-6-88, Formerly 21CC-21.007, Amended 1-9-94, Formerly 61F4-21.007, Amended 12-29-96, Formerly 59P-21.007, Amended 8-8-99, 6-14-05, 7-16-06, 8-28-07, 12-7-09.

64B4-21.009 Treatment by a Marriage and Family Therapist.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.003(8) FS. History—New 5-15-94, Formerly 61F4-21.009, 59P-21.009, Repealed 10-21-15.

**CHAPTER 64B4-22
LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

- 64B4-22.110 Course Content

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The course requirements set forth in Section 491.005(3), F.S., shall contain the following content:

(1) Dynamics of Marriage and Family Systems. This course introduces the student to systemic knowledge and thought, focusing on the development of marriage and family therapy (MFT) as a profession and on the interactive dynamics of the living social systems of marriage and family as explained by a number of the tenets of General Systems Theory.

(2)(a) Marriage Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques,

(b) Family Therapy and Counseling Theory and Techniques. Content in these two areas may be taught separately as stated or they may be taught as a course in theories and a course in techniques. A course in theories will compare and contrast the major theoretical models in systemic marriage and family therapy which seek to explain both normal and abnormal, or dysfunctional marriage and family functioning. A course in techniques will use the different theoretical understandings to develop interventive skills useful in the diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic families, couples and individuals.

(3) Individual Human Development Theories Throughout the Life Cycle. This course covers theories of human development in all stages of life both for the individual and for the systems in which the individual lives.

(4) Personality Theories. This course covers both historical and current theories of personality and human behavior from an individual, non-systemic perspective.

(5) Psychopathology. This course prepares the student in the evaluation and classification of abnormal human behavior and psychiatric disorders in individuals according to current diagnostic standards (DSM IVTR and ICD-9 or ICD-10).

(6) Human Sexuality Theory and Counseling Techniques. This course provides a broad understanding of human sexual development, both normal and abnormal sexual functioning and appropriate counseling techniques for sexual dysfunctions.

(7) General Counseling Theories and Counseling Techniques. This course content teaches those theories and fundamentals of counseling which are applicable to all counseling processes whether they are individually or systemically oriented.

(8) Psychosocial Theories. Course content in this area explores the interrelationship of psychology and sociology in understanding the growth and development of living human systems within their larger, social systems context. Courses in family sociology, gender, anthropology or culture and ethnicity in counseling offer psychosocial awareness.

(9) Legal, Ethical and Professional Standards. This course presents standards of law and ethics as it relates to the practice of all counseling professions. Particular issues of law and ethics which uniquely impact the practice of MFT should also be addressed.

(10) Diagnosis, Appraisal, Assessment and Testing. This course content teaches a working knowledge of inferential statistics and the use and application of tests and measurements used in the diagnosis and appraisal of intra- and inter-personal disorders and dysfunctions.

(11) Behavioral Research. This course content teaches the student to be an informed consumer of professional research. The focus is on interpretation of research data and their appropriate application to professional practice. Knowledge of inferential statistics is necessary in this interpretative process.

(12) A Minimum of One Supervised Clinical Practicum in a Marriage and Family Setting. It is important to emphasize that the student practicum must be supervised by a licensed MFT or equivalent as defined in Rule 64B4-21.007, F.A.C., must include 180 hours of direct client contact in systemic marriage and family therapy services and must be certified complete by an official of the college or university granting the degree.

(13) Substance Abuse. This course includes research and theories of substance use and abuse; principles and practices for the treatment of substance abuse and addiction; and the promotion of responsible behavior.

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CHAPTER 64B4-31

DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

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64B4-31.010	Course Content

64B4-31.007 Definition of a “Licensed Mental Health Counselor or the Equivalent, Who Is a Qualified Supervisor.”

(1) A “licensed mental health counselor, or the equivalent, who is a qualified supervisor,” as used in Section 491.005(4)(c), F.S., is defined as an individual who, during the period for which the applicant claims supervision, meets one of the following:

- (a) Holds an active license as a mental health counselor in the state of Florida;
 - (b) Is licensed or certified as a mental health counselor in another state, or resides in another state where licensure is not required, provided that he or she meets the education and experience requirements for licensure as a mental health counselor under Section 491.005(4), F.S.;
 - (c) Is licensed as a clinical social worker or marriage and family therapist in Florida or in the state in which the supervision took place and can demonstrate a three semester or four quarter hour graduate level course in three of the following six content areas: counseling theories, counseling practice, assessment, career counseling, substance abuse, or legal, ethical, and professional standards from a clinical counseling program in an institution fully accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or the U.S. Department of Education;
 - (d) Is licensed as a psychologist in Florida or in the state where the supervision took place and completed a minimum of three years of experience providing psychotherapy, consisting of a minimum of 750 hours of direct client contact per year;
- (2) Qualified supervisors who provide supervision in Florida for interns and trainees must meet the equivalency standards of subsection (1), and have:
- (a) Completed five (5) years of clinical experience, two (2) years of which can be earned during a post-masters clinical internship with the remaining three (3) years of experience earned post-licensure; and,
 - (b) Completed, subsequent to licensure as a mental health counselor, training in supervision in one of the following:
 1. A graduate level academic course in supervision which meets the requirements of Rule 64B4-6.0025, F.A.C., or
 2. A continuing education course in supervisory training which meets the requirements of Rule 64B4-6.0025, F.A.C., or
 3. A post-graduate training course for field instructors in clinical social work, or
 4. Is designated an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) by The Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE), or
 5. Is designated an Approved Supervisor by the AAMFT.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(4)(c) FS. History—New 8-14-88, Amended 1-3-91, Formerly 21CC-31.007, 61F4-31.007, Amended 12-29-96, Formerly 59P-31.007, Amended 8-8-99, 8-9-00, 6-14-05, 7-16-06, 1-8-07, 8-28-07, 12-7-09.

64B4-31.008 Definition of “Research.”

A course in “Research” as used in Section 491.005(4)(b)1.b., F.S., is defined as a course or courses which prepare the student to read, interpret and apply current research in mental health counseling, including presentation of statistical research design and methods, ethical considerations of research on human subjects, hypothesis testing, and interpretation of research results.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.005 FS. History—New 8-6-89, Amended 1-3-91, Formerly 21CC-31.008, 61F4-31.008, 59P-31.008.

64B4-31.009 Treatment by a Mental Health Counselor.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 491.003(9) FS. History—New 5-15-94, Formerly 61F4-31.009, 59P-31.009, Repealed 10-21-15.

64B4-31.010 Course Content.

The course requirements set forth in Section 491.005(4), F.S., shall contain the following content:

- (1) Counseling Theories and Practice: Counseling and personality theories including both individual and systems perspectives as well as coverage of relevant research and factors considered in applications of these theories.
- (2) Human Growth and Development: Theories of individual and family development and transitions across the life span (including theories of learning and personality development) and strategies for facilitating development over the life span.
- (3) Diagnosis and Treatment of Psychopathology: General principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior, and general principles and practices for the promotion of optimal mental health.
- (4) Human Sexuality: Research and theories of human sexual development (including research and theories of normal and abnormal sexual functioning) and general principles and practices for the treatment of sexual dysfunctions and the promotion of optimal sexual health.
- (5) Group Theories and Practice: Principles of group dynamics, group counseling, and group leadership including group process components, developmental stage theories, and group member roles and behavior.

(6) Individual Evaluation and Assessment: Strategies for selecting, administering, interpreting, and using valid and reliable individual and group assessment and evaluation instruments and techniques in counseling and psychotherapy.

(7) Career and Lifestyle Assessment: Principles and practices of career lifestyle counseling (including career and lifestyle assessment instruments and techniques, career development theories, and career decision-making models) and career information dissemination (including computer based career development applications and strategies).

(8) Research and Program Evaluation: Principles, practices, and applications of basic types of research methods (including qualitative and quantitative research designs), needs assessment, and program evaluation, and ethical and legal considerations in research.

(9) Social and Cultural Foundations: Multicultural and pluralistic trends including characteristics and concerns of diverse groups based on such factors as age, race, religious preference, physical disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity and culture, family patterns, gender, socioeconomic status, and intellectual ability.

(10) Counseling in Community Settings: Principles, theories, and practices of community needs assessment and community intervention, including the design and utilization of programs and facilities for inpatient, outpatient, partial treatment, and aftercare, and the utilization of the health and human services public and private networks in local communities.

(11) Substance Abuse: Research and theories of substance use and abuse, and principles and practices for the treatment of substance abuse and dependency and the promotion of responsible behavior.

(12) Legal, Ethical, and Professional Standards Issues: Goals, objectives, and practices of professional counseling organizations, codes of ethics, legal considerations, standards of preparation, certifications, and licensing, and the role identity and professional obligations of mental health counselors.

Rulemaking Authority 491.005(6) FS. Law Implemented 491.005(4) FS. History—New 12-28-09.