**Section 1283.45 Application for a License as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist**

a) An applicant for a license as an associate marriage and family therapist shall file an application, on forms supplied by the Division, that includes the following:

1) Verification, on forms provided by the Division, that the applicant has completed the education requirements defined in Section 1283.30 and holds one of the following:

A) A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a regionally accredited educational institution;

B) A master's or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited educational institution in a related field (i.e., behavioral science or mental health) with an equivalent course of study in marriage and family therapy as set forth in Section 1283.30(b) and (c); or

C) A master's or doctoral degree from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

2) The required license fee set forth in Section 1283.95(a)(2).

3) Certification, on forms provided by the Division, from the state or territory of the United States in which the applicant was originally licensed and the state in which the applicant is currently licensed, if applicable, stating:

A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original issuance of the license;

B) A description of the examination in that jurisdiction; and

C) Whether the file on the applicant contains any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending.

b) A license as an associate marriage and family therapist shall be valid for 5 years. The license may not be renewed.

c) When the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Division or the Board because of lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given or need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure shall be requested to:

1) Provide such information as may be necessary; and/or

2) Appear for an interview before the Board to explain the relevance or sufficiency, clarify information or clean up any discrepancies or conflicts in information.

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