



**LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST
(LGMFT)**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (Rev. 8/20)

**** IMPORTANT ****

BEFORE submitting your application, please note the following:

- Retain a copy of all documents for your records. Documents will not be returned once received by the Board.
- Within 30 days after receipt of the application, the Board will determine if the application is complete. If the application is not complete, the Board will notify you, in writing, and you will have 90 days from the date of the notice to provide the requested documentation. If you do not provide the required information within 90 days, your application will be closed and all documents will be discarded. The Board does not retain incomplete applications. You will be required to submit a new application and pay the required application fee.
- All forms must be legible, complete, signed, and dated or processing may be delayed.
- Include a check or money order in the amount of \$200 payable to: *Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists*. A separate license fee of \$150 will be due upon notification of eligibility from the Board. Fees are **non-refundable and non-transferable**.
- Applications **may not** be submitted via fax, email, or in-person. Please mail to:

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists
Attn: MFT Licensing Coordinator
4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 316
Baltimore, MD 21215

If you would like confirmation that your application has been received, please send the application via certified mail, return receipt requested, or use another delivery method by which you may track your application. The Board cannot provide status updates on applications unless it has been 30 days or more since the date of receipt.

ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS: *The following is a summary only. For complete requirements and definitions, see Md. Code Ann. Health Occ., §17-101, et. seq. and COMAR 10.58.08 and 10.58.15, which may be found on the Board's website, www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.*

□ **Education:** Applicant shall:

Hold a master's degree (minimum of 60 credits) or a doctoral degree (minimum of 90 credits) in marriage and family therapy or related field from a regionally accredited educational institution approved by the Board and

Provide documentation of graduate coursework as set forth in COMAR 10.58.08.05A(2).

Applications must include official transcripts. Please **do not** ask the educational institution to send transcripts directly to the Board. Include the sealed envelope containing the official transcript with your application.

□ **Examinations.** Applicant must pass the following:

1) The examination in marital and family therapy developed by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards; **and**

2) Maryland law assessment (MLA):

The purpose of the assessment is to determine if a candidate is familiar with the state laws and ethical code related to safe and effective practice across several content areas. The MLA is a no-fail, no score assessment. Content areas include supervision and ethics questions based on excerpts from the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Art., Title 17.

The MLA consists of 36 questions. You will be presented with readings and questions until all items are answered correctly. Upon successful completion, you will receive a Certificate of Completion that you will submit to the Board **with** your application for licensure or certification.

Prior Board approval is **not** required to take the MLA. However, if you take the MLA **before** you submit an application for licensure/certification with the Board, please note the following:

- Should you later decide not to apply for licensure/certification with the Board, the MLA fee will **not** be refunded.
- You are responsible for submitting the MLA Certificate of Completion to the Board **with** your application for licensure/certification. Do not email, fax or mail the certificate of completion separately to the Maryland Board. **MLA Certificates of Completion received without a completed application will not be retained.**
- MLA Certificates of Completion are valid for **one year** from the date of the MLA. If you do not apply for licensure/certification within one year from the date of the MLA, you will be required to re-take the MLA at your additional expense.

To take the MLA, use the following link: www.academy.cce-global.org.

If you experience any issues, please contact the assessment administrator, CCE, Monday thru Friday 8:30am – 5pm at 336.482.2856. You may also email for technical support at support@cce-global.org. Please do not contact the Board regarding technical support issues.

If you have already taken and passed the previous Maryland Law Exam, this does not apply to you and no further action is necessary.

- **Criminal History Records Check** (instructions and form attached). All applicants must complete a criminal history records check (CHRC). Applicant must include a **copy of the receipt** from the CHRC with this application. This allows the Board to access the report online from the Criminal Justice Information System.

Please note: A license will not be issued unless and until the Board determines that the applicant has completed **ALL** requirements including required coursework, examinations, CHRC, and any other requirements set by the Board in accordance with Maryland law.



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APPLICATION

Please type or print all information.

I. VETERANS AND SPOUSAL PREFERENCE

Are you an active service member or the spouse of any active service member? Yes No

Are you a veteran or the spouse of a veteran who was discharged from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable within one year of filing this application? Yes No

II. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First MI Maiden

SSN: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ * Note: The Board uses email as the primary method of contact .

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Prior address: _____
(If less than 3 years at current address) Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different than above) Street City State Zip

Business: _____
Name Street City State Zip

Gender and Ethnicity: *This information is optional and may be used for statistical purposes by authorized personnel.*

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? Yes No

Check all that apply:

American Indian or Alaska Native Asian White

Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

III. INFORMATION REGARDING BACKGROUND

Please answer Yes or No to each question.

YES NO

1. Has any state licensing or disciplinary board ever taken any disciplinary action against your license or certification, including, but not limited to, charges, admonishment, reprimand, revocation, or suspension?

If yes, attach a separate page with a complete explanation of each occurrence (include date, time, location, disposition, etc.) and a copy of the disciplinary/court document from the issuing agency, if applicable.

2. Have you pled guilty, nolo contendere, or been convicted of, received probation before judgment or had a conviction set aside for any criminal act in any state, territory, or jurisdiction (excluding minor traffic violations)?

If yes, attach a separate page with a complete explanation of each occurrence (include date, time, location, disposition, etc.) and a certified copy of the disciplinary/court document from the issuing agency.

Please note that if you do not answer this question or fail to disclose and provide the requested information your application will be administratively closed without further review. You will be required to submit a new application and pay the required fee. In addition, you may be required to appear before the Board regarding your failure to provide the required information.

3. Are you currently on parole, probation or under any other court ordered supervision in any state, territory, or jurisdiction related to a criminal conviction? If so, you must submit official documentation indicating the terms and conditions, start and end dates, compliance and/or completion of the parole, probation or court ordered supervision with your application. Please note that if you fail to disclose and provide the requested information your application will be administratively closed without further review. You will be required to submit a new application and pay the required fee.

IV. EDUCATION: List colleges or universities attended to satisfy academic requirements for licensure or certification. Do not list degrees unrelated to counseling. Please list the most recent colleges/universities first and provide **official** transcripts. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

A. _____
Name of School _____ *City* _____ *State* _____
Dates attended: From (mo./yr.) _____ To (mo./yr.) _____
Degree awarded: _____ Date awarded: _____
Major field of study: _____

B. _____
Name of School _____ *City* _____ *State* _____
Dates attended: From (mo./yr.) _____ To (mo./yr.) _____
Degree awarded: _____ Date awarded: _____
Major field of study: _____

C. _____
Name of School _____ *City* _____ *State* _____
Dates attended: From (mo./yr.) _____ To (mo./yr.) _____
Degree awarded: _____ Date awarded: _____
Major field of study: _____

V. QUALIFICATIONS: Complete the chart below. For more detailed information regarding course content and requirements, see the attached LGMFT Course Form Instructions.

If the title of your course differs from those listed, you must include a catalog course description or syllabus for each course.

A course applied to one topic area **may not** be used to fulfill another topic area.

Official transcript(s) must be attached to this application. You may attach separate sheet(s) for additional relevant coursework.

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Course Title and Number (Must appear on transcript)</i>	<i>Credits Earned</i>	<i>College/Univ.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<i>A. Analysis of Family Systems (3 course min.)</i>					
1. Supervised Clinical Experience					
2. Normal and Abnormal Psychology					
3. Psychopathology					
<i>B. Family Therapy and Techniques (4 course min.)</i>					
1. Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders in Family Systems					
2. Survey of extant major models of family therapy					
3. Course on MFT model (s)					
4. Course on MFT model(s)					
<i>C. Couples Therapy and Techniques (1 course min.)</i>					
Survey of extant major models of couples' therapy OR					
Intensive study of at least three different models of couples' therapy OR					

3 courses each addressing a separate couples' therapy model					

Topic Area	Course Title and Number (Must appear on transcript)	Credits Earned	College/Univ.	Date	Grade
<i>D. Gender and Ethnicity in Marriage and Family Therapy</i> (1 course min.)					
<i>OR</i> 2 separate courses on gender and ethnicity)					
<i>E. Sexual Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy</i> (1 course min.)					
<i>F. Professional, Legal, and Ethic Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy</i> (1 course min.)					
<i>G. Additional related graduate courses</i>					

Total Credits: _____



MARYLAND Department of Health

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NOTICE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Effective January 1, 2014, the Maryland Board of Marriage and family therapists and Therapists (the "Board") requires that all applicants for licensure, certification, and trainee status complete a criminal history records check in accordance with §§17-501 and 17-501.1 of the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

A Criminal History Records Check includes a national and state criminal history background search. The criminal history records check requires you to be fingerprinted. In order to be fingerprinted, you will need to complete and present the Live Scan Pre-Registration Form. (Attached).

You must present this form to the fingerprinting site because it provides the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) authorization number **#1300005490** and the FBI ORI number **#MD920512Z** assigned specifically to the Board.

This allows the information to be forwarded directly to the Board.

For additional information contact CJIS at 410-764-4501. For current listings of fingerprinting providers please go to <http://www.dpscs.maryland.gov/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>.

FOR FAST AND ACCURATE SERVICE

1. When requesting a criminal history records check for licensing purposes you must have an agency name and authorization number (Listed above).
2. Your background check is being sent to the Board.
3. You must bring a valid form of government identification. (Examples: driver's license, Certificate of Naturalization, passport, Alien Registration Card, or Military Identification).
4. Complete the Live Scan Pre-registration Application and bring it to any fingerprinting center/provider.
5. Bring payment as indicated above. The Board will receive the results from the criminal history records check directly from CJIS within 5-7 business days. The Board will contact you if it has any questions regarding the report. Please do not contact the Board to check if the report has been received.
6. Please do not send the Live Scan Pre-registration Application to the Board. You must present it at the fingerprint center/provider location.



STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS – CENTRAL REPOSITORY

LIVESCAN PRE-REGISTRATION APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION *(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)*

Name:			
Date of birth:		SSN:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <i>(Please check)</i>
Height: ft. inches	Weight: lbs.	Eye Color:	Hair Color:
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Please check)</i>	Place of Birth:		
Current address:		Citizenship:	
City:		State:	ZIP Code: -
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	Driver's License #:	

AGENCY INFORMATION

Agency Authorization #: 1300005490	
ORI # (if required): MD 920512Z	Reason fingerprinted? LICENSURE / REGISTR.
Position Applied for: MDH - MD STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS	
Request Type: <i>(Choose one ONLY)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Dependent Care <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney/Client <input type="checkbox"/> Child care <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Seal/ Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Seal/Letter/VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Government Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Licensing or Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration/VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Review <input type="checkbox"/> MSP Licensing <input type="checkbox"/> Private Party Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing

Mail Response to:

(Mailing option only available for Visa Gold Seal and/or Individual Review)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

CHECKLIST FOR LGMFT APPLICATION

- Official transcript(s) in the sealed envelope sent to you from educational institution.
- AMFTRB score report and Maryland Law Assessment Certificate of Completion.
- Application is signed and notarized.
- Recent photo (2"x2").
- Copy of receipt from criminal history records check.
- Check or money order in the amount of \$200 payable to the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.
- ** Remember to make a copy of completed application and attachments for your records.