

MFT Program Policy on Supervisor Qualifications, Roles, and Responsibilities

Policy Availability

This policy is available to the public via the [Program Handbook and Policies](#) link on the [MFT website](#).

MFT Program Required MFT Supervisor Qualifications

All core MFT faculty supervisors must

1. hold a post graduate degree in MFT from a COAMFTE accredited program
2. identify as an MFT by profession and academic training and practices according to the AAMFT code of ethics
3. hold AAMFT Clinical Fellow membership
4. possess or be on track toward earning a Georgia state MFT license (LMFT)
5. have the AAMFT Approved Supervisor designation (preferable) or be on track toward earning the designation by having completed or by enrollment in a pre approved 30 hour AAMFT Supervision Fundamentals course through AAMFT.
6. submit annual proof of continuous liability insurance (see Faculty & Staff Liability Insurance binder)

All non core faculty supervisors who are not AAMFT Approved Supervisors must meet [Georgia state rules for qualification as a Board Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor](#) as described below in [Georgia Rule 135 5 .06\(1\)\(c\) Marriage and Family Therapists](#):

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Board Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor means a person who is

1. licensed as a marriage and family therapist and who has been approved by the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists to provide supervision of the practice of marriage and family therapy.
 - a. To obtain such approval, the person shall submit

- v. In addition, the Board may, at its discretion, accept a supervisor who is licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist in another jurisdiction and who has been designated an Approved Marriage and Family Therapy

5. Supervision occurs in groups of six or fewer supervisees. When 1 or 2 students meet alone with the supervisor, this is considered individual supervision.
6. Supervision (often called consultation teams) meet once a week for seven hours for three consecutive semesters.
7. Supervision is most often experiential insofar as supervision focuses on the raw data from trainee's ongoing clinical work. Raw data is available to the supervisor through direct live observation, co therapy with the intern, written clinical notes, and audio and video recordings. Case supervision entails discussing a case without benefit of hearing the clients own words.
8. Practica and the concomitant supervision are completed over a period of one year of continuous practica.
9. Students who take additional practica, beyond the three required, must remain registered at the university and under supervision with a licensed, AAMFT Approved faculty supervisor.
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