

154D.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Board*” means the board of behavioral health professionals established in [chapter 147](#).
2. “*Certifying entity*” means the behavior analyst certification board or another entity whose programs to certify professional practitioners of applied behavior analysis are accredited by the national commission for certifying agencies or the American national standards institute.
3. “*Licensed assistant behavior analyst*” means a person licensed to practice applied behavior analysis under the supervision of a licensed behavior analyst under [chapter 147](#) and [this chapter](#).
4. “*Licensed behavior analyst*” means a person licensed to practice applied behavior analysis under [chapter 147](#) and [this chapter](#).
5. “*Licensed marital and family therapist*” means a person licensed to practice marital and family therapy under [chapter 147](#) and [this chapter](#).
6. “*Licensed mental health counselor*” means a person licensed to practice mental health counseling under [chapter 147](#) and [this chapter](#).
7. “*Licensee*” includes a licensed marital and family therapist and a licensed mental health counselor.
8. “*Marital and family therapy*” means the application of counseling techniques in the assessment and resolution of emotional conditions. This includes the alteration and establishment of attitudes and patterns of interaction relative to marriage, family life, and interpersonal relationships.
9. “*Mental health counseling*” means the provision of counseling services involving assessment, referral, consultation, and the application of counseling, human development principles, learning theory, group dynamics, and the etiology of maladjustment and dysfunctional behavior to individuals, families, and groups.
10. “*Practice of applied behavior analysis*” means the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional and environmental modification to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior. “*Practice of applied behavior analysis*” includes the empirical identification of functional relations between behavior and environmental factors, known as functional assessment and analysis. “*Practice of applied behavior analysis*” excludes psychological testing, psychotherapy, cognitive therapy, sex therapy, psychoanalysis, hypnotherapy, and counseling as treatment modalities.
11. “*Temporary license*” means a license to practice marital and family therapy or mental health counseling under direct supervision of a qualified supervisor as determined by the board by rule to fulfill the postgraduate supervised clinical experience requirement in accordance with [this chapter](#).
12. “*Temporary licensed marital and family therapist*” means a person licensed to practice marital and family therapy under supervision in accordance with [section 154D.7](#).
13. “*Temporary licensed mental health counselor*” means a person licensed to practice mental health counseling under supervision in accordance with [section 154D.7](#).

[91 Acts, ch 229, §6; 2007 Acts, ch 10, §149; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §65; 2018 Acts, ch 1106, §7, 14; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §505](#)

Subsection 1 amended