

**645—31.8(154D) Licensure by endorsement.** An applicant who has been a licensed marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor under the laws of another jurisdiction may file an application for licensure by endorsement with the board office. The board may receive by endorsement any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, territory, province or foreign country who:

1. Submits to the board a completed application;
2. Pays the licensure fee;
3. Shows evidence of licensure requirements that are similar to those required in Iowa;
4. Provides official transcripts sent directly from the school to the board verifying completion of a master's degree of 45 hours or equivalent if the applicant entered a program of study prior to July 1, 2008, or verifying completion of a master's degree of 60 hours or equivalent if the applicant entered a program of study on or after July 1, 2008, or the appropriate doctoral degree. After March 31, 2009, graduates from a non-CACREP-accredited mental health counselor program or a non-COAMFTE-accredited marital and family therapy program shall provide an equivalency evaluation of their educational credentials by the Center for Credentialing and Education, Inc. (CCE), Web site <http://cce-global.org>. The professional curriculum must be equivalent to that stated in these rules. Applicants shall bear the expense of the curriculum evaluation;
5. Supplies satisfactory evidence of the candidate's qualifications in writing on the prescribed forms by the candidate's supervisors. If verification of clinical experience is not available, the board may consider submission of documentation from the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or equivalent documentation of supervision; and
6. Provides verification(s) of license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification direct from the jurisdiction's board office if the verification provides:
  - Licensee's name;
  - Date of initial licensure;
  - Current licensure status; and
  - Any disciplinary action taken against the license.
7. In lieu of the requirements listed in paragraphs "3" through "5" of this rule, a mental health counselor applicant may provide to the board evidence that the applicant has demonstrated appropriate qualifications at either tier 1 or tier 2 of the National Credentials Registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards. The mental health counselor applicant shall have the National Credentials Registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards send directly to the board official verification that the applicant has met the qualifications.