

481—891.3(154D) Examination requirements for mental health counselors and marital and family therapists. The following criteria shall apply to the written examination(s):

891.3(1) The applicant will take and pass the following examinations in order to qualify for licensing:

a. For a marital and family therapist license, the AMFTRB Examination in Marital and Family Therapy.

b. For a mental health counselor license or a temporary mental health counselor license, the National Counselor Examination (NCE) of the NBCC or the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE) of the NBCC. For a temporary mental health counselor license, the NCE of the NBCC or the NCMHCE of the NBCC.

c. For a mental health counselor license, the NCMHCE of the NBCC.

891.3(2) The passing score on the written examination shall be the passing point criterion established by the appropriate national testing authority at the time the test was administered.

891.3(3) An applicant who is requesting approval to take the licensure examination prior to graduation shall:

a. Submit a completed online application for licensure and pay the nonrefundable licensure fee specified in rule 481—507.3(147,154D).

b. Have a letter on official school letterhead sent directly from the program director to the board indicating that the applicant is in good academic standing; that the applicant will graduate from the program within three months of the date on the letter; and the applicant's anticipated date of graduation.

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