

645—31.3(154D) Examination requirements for mental health counselors and marital and family therapists. The following criteria shall apply to the written examination(s):

31.3(1) The applicant shall take and pass the following examinations in order to qualify for licensing:

a. For a marital and family therapist license, the Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Board (AMFTRB) Examination in Marital and Family Therapy.

b. Prior to January 1, 2022, 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.

c. Effective January 1, 2022, for a temporary mental health counselor license, the NCE of the NBCC or the NCMHCE of the NBCC.

d. Effective January 1, 2022, for a mental health counselor license, the NCMHCE of the NBCC.

31.3(2) Examination information will be provided when the applicant has been approved to take the examination.

31.3(3) The board will notify the applicant in writing of examination results.

31.3(4) Persons determined by the board not to have performed satisfactorily may apply for reexamination.

31.3(5) 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.

31.3(6) An applicant who is requesting approval to take the licensure examination prior to graduation shall:

a. Apply for licensure by creating an account and paying online at ibplicense.iowa.gov.

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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