State Licensure Statutes, Regulations, Forms, and Policies not only change on a regular basis, but may contain contradictory information. It is the responsibility of any individual who may review this document to check with their licensure board regarding all requirements and policies regarding the licensure process. For more information please refer to your state licensing board, click here to find your state licensing board website aamftrc.org

Does the State require a degree program to include a specific number of credit hours (e.g. 45, 48 or 60 semester credits)? If so, how many credit hours are required?

Wyoming requires an applicant for licensure to have completed a minimum of forty-eight (48) semester hours of graduate level course work.

What type of institutional or programmatic accreditation is required?

Wyoming requires applicants for licensure to complete of a graduate degree program in marriage and family therapy from a Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) or Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs- Marriage and Family Counseling (CACREP-MCFC) accredited program OR complete a graduate program that meets the following criteria: The graduate degree program, and any applicable additional graduate level course work, was completed at an educational institution accredited by one of the regional or national institutional accrediting bodies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The program must be substantially similar in content as required by COAMFTE or CACREP-MCFC including instructor qualifications, clinical supervision, practicum and internship requirements and course work.

Does the State require the program to have COAMFTE or CACREP Accreditation?

No.

Does the State accept a COAMFTE accredited degree without requiring the applicant to list specific courses on the license application?

No.

What courses does the State require an applicant to have taken in order to be have met this educational requirement for licensure?

Wyoming requires course work to be completed in each of these core areas:

**Individual and Family Development (9 semester credits)** - Courses in this area include content on individual and family development across the lifespan. Content should provide knowledge of individual personality development and its normal and abnormal manifestations. The applicant should have relevant coursework in human development across the life span which includes special issues that affect an individual’s development. This material should be integrated with systems concepts. Topic areas may
include human development, child/adolescent development, psychopathology, personality theory, human sexuality, and other psychosocial development including career development, or other courses related directly to human development. Test and measurement courses are not acceptable in this area.

**Theoretical Knowledge of Couples, Marital and Family Therapy (9 semester credits)** - Courses in this area address the historical development, theoretical and empirical foundations, and contemporary conceptual directions of the field of couples, marriage and family therapy. Content enables students to conceptualize and distinguish the critical epistemological issues in the profession of couples, marriage and family therapy and provide a comprehensive survey and substantive understanding of the major models of marriage, couples, and family therapy. All courses in this area must have a major focus from a systems theory orientation. Topic areas may include systems theory, family subsystems, blended family, gender issues in families, cultural issues in families, or other courses directly related to couples, marital and family therapy. Survey or overview courses in which systems is one of several theories covered are not appropriate. Courses in which systems theory is the major focus and other theories are studied in relation to systems theory are appropriate.

**Clinical Knowledge of Couples, Marital and Family Therapy (9 semester credits)** - Courses in this area address, from a relational/systemic perspective, psychopharmacology, physical health and illness, traditional psychodiagnostic categories, and the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of major mental health issues. Content addresses contemporary issues, which include but are not limited to gender, sexual functioning, sexual orientation, sex therapy, violence, addictions, and abuse, in the treatment of individuals, couples, and families from a relational/systemic perspective. Material addresses a wide variety of presenting clinical problems. Courses in this area should have a major focus on advanced family systems theories and systemic therapeutic interventions. This area is intended to provide a substantive understanding of the major theories of systems change and the applied practices evolving from each theoretical orientation. Major theoretical approaches may include strategic, structural, object relations family therapy, behavioral family therapy, communications family therapy, intergenerational family therapy, systemic sex therapy, or other courses directly related to couples, marital and family therapy. Survey or overview courses in which family therapy is one of several types of theories covered is not acceptable.

**Research (3 semester credits)** - Courses in this area include significant material on research in couple and family therapy. Content focuses on research methodology, data analysis and the evaluation of research including quantitative and qualitative research and its methods. Individual personality, test and measurement, and library research courses are not acceptable toward this area.

**Professional Identify & Ethics (3 semester credits)** - Courses in this area are intended to contribute to the professional development of the therapist. Content includes professional identity, including professional socialization, scope of practice, professional organizations, licensure, and certification. Coursework focuses on ethical issues related to the profession of individual, couples, marriage and family therapy. Other areas that need to be addressed include the AAMFT Code of Ethics, confidentiality issues, the legal responsibilities and liabilities of clinical practice and research, family law, record keeping, reimbursement, the business aspects of practice, and familiarity with regional and federal laws
as they relate to the practice of individual, couple and family therapy. Religious ethics courses and moral theology are not accepted towards this area.

**Clinical Practicum/Internship**- Applicants shall complete a supervised clinical practicum/internship with individuals, couples, and families.

**How many client contact hours must a student obtain during practicum, and how many of these must be relational hours?**

While Wyoming requires a practicum, they do not specify a minimum number of hours.

**How many supervision hours must a student obtain during practicum?**

While Wyoming requires a practicum, they do not specify a minimum number of hours.

**What is the required length of practicum in this State?**

While Wyoming requires a practicum, they do not specify a minimum length.
**Post-Graduation Requirements**

What are the minimum number of years of clinical experience a graduate needs to obtain a license, the minimum number of client contact hours, and how many of these hours must be relational hours?

Wyoming requires at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours shall be direct client contact hours.

**What are the minimum number of experience hours required by this State?**

Wyoming requires a minimum of three thousand (3,000) hours of supervised clinical training/work experience in individual, couple, marriage and family therapy under the direct supervision of a designated qualified clinical supervisor is required for all applicants. This experience shall meet the requirements set forth in Wyoming rules. Finally, Wyoming requires that all three thousand (3,000) hours of supervised clinical training/work experience required must be completed after the award of the master’s degree.

**What are the minimum number of post-graduate supervision hours required by this State, and how many of these hours must be individual supervision?**

Wyoming requires a minimum of one hundred (100) post master’s hours of direct, verifiable, individual and/or triadic face-to-face clinical supervision with a designated qualified clinical is required. Group supervision is not acceptable towards completion of the face-to-face clinical supervision requirement.

Wyoming rules state that supervised clinical training/work experience hours and face-to-face clinical supervision hours completed in the absence of a Board approved supervision agreement shall not be accepted towards meeting the requirements for licensure. In addition, individual and/or triadic face-to-face supervision shall be obtained at a ratio of a minimum of one (1) hour for every thirty (30) hours of experience in such a manner that the hours are reasonably and uniformly distributed over not less than eighteen (18) months or more than thirty-six (36) months. The Provisional License must only provide services under the administrative supervision by their employer, and the ongoing direct clinical supervision of the Designated Qualified Clinical Supervisor.

**What are the State requirements for an individual to be qualified as a supervisor?**

Wyoming rules state that a designated qualified clinical supervisor shall be a licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed addictions therapist, licensed psychologist, licensed psychiatrist, or licensed advanced practitioner of nursing with psychiatric specialty. In addition, (i) The designated qualified clinical supervisor shall have been licensed for a minimum of two (2) years prior to beginning supervision, and (ii) The designated qualified clinical supervisor shall have had four (4) years of post-graduate professional experience in their discipline prior to beginning supervision; and (iii) The Board may require an evaluation of the qualifications and roles of any designated qualified clinical supervisor and may approve or disapprove supervision at its discretion.
Does the state require the National Examination offered by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB)?

Yes. Applicants are allowed three (3) attempts to pass the exam. The Board may allow an applicant to make one (1) more attempt to pass the examination upon approval of a remediation plan submitted by the applicant.

Does the State have specific training requirements beyond the graduate degree?

None are noted in Wyoming.

Can an individual with a criminal history request board review before actually having to apply for licensure?

It is unclear if the Wyoming board has a process to pre-preapprove applications.

How can someone contact the Board in this state?

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Every state has a "definitions" section of their rules and/or statutes. Are there any definitions that might be important for an applicant to pay attention? (Note: this is not a complete list, please review definitions in your state)

None are noted in Wyoming.