

VIRGINIA TECH DEGREE PORTABILITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Marriage and family therapy (MFT) is a profession that leads to licensure in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. MFT licensure is regulated at the state level, such that licensing regulations and requirements vary across states.

For MFT licensure, most states have educational requirements specifying required coursework in areas such as ethics, assessment and diagnosis, research, and family therapy theories. Most states also require a certain number of hours of clinical (therapy) experience to be completed under approved supervision. Not every state will accept a degree, coursework, and/or supervised clinical hours earned in another state. Given the variations in licensure regulations and requirements across states, it is your responsibility to review license requirements in the state you intend to practice as soon as possible so that you know what may or may not be accepted across state lines.

- Information about MFT licensure in Virginia: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/>
- Information about each state's licensure requirements: <https://amftrb.org/resources/state-licensure-comparison/>

A doctoral degree with a specialization in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Tech's Department of Human Development and Family Science may facilitate licensure in terms of a state's educational or coursework requirements and supervised clinical experience. However, as the master's degree is typically the qualifying degree for MFT licensure, Virginia Tech's curriculum is not designed to meet the educational requirements for MFT licensure. Clinical hours and supervisory experience obtained during the doctoral program may count toward a state's supervised clinical experience requirements, but this may vary by state.

If you have any questions, please email the MFT Program Director, Dr. Kristen Benson, at krbenson@vt.edu

If you have no questions, please sign, and return this acknowledgement form to the MFT Program Director. Your acceptance to Virginia Tech cannot be finalized without completion and receipt of this form. It is recommended that you keep a copy of this form for your records.

In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of and am aware that licensing regulations differ across states. As outlined above, I understand that a doctoral degree, coursework, and supervised clinical experience from Virginia Tech may not meet the MFT licensing requirements in any given state.

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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