

Summary of NAC Changes Effective 8/30/18

On August 30, 2018, the Nevada Legislative Commission approved R-094-18 following the Board of Examiners adoption on August 24. This regulation contains the changes to section 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) relating to the practice of Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors. The approval of these NAC changes is the culmination of a process that began more than a year ago.

As a guide to making sense of the NAC changes, the following summation of highlights is provided. To understand all of the NAC changes, **it is the responsibility of the reader to review R-094-18 for themselves.**

Supervisor Capacity Expanded

- The cap for supervisors of primary supervisees has been increased from 6 to 10.
- The three-year residency requirement for living in Nevada has been eliminated.
- Other allied mental health professionals – specifically licensed psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers – will now be approved, providing they have received the requisite training, as secondary providers in extenuating circumstances and/or upon the recommendation of an intern's primary supervisor.

Supervisor Accountability Increased

- Primary supervisors must meet with primary supervisees at least 1 hour per week.
- Primary supervisors are required to document any variation from this schedule (in case of audit).

Academic Standards Lifted and Supported

- The following required courses for MFTs have been added: crisis or trauma; grief or loss; and social/cultural foundations.
- The following required courses for CPCs have been added: human sexuality; couples counseling; family systems; crisis or trauma; and grief or loss.
- Graduates from COAMFTE or CACREP accredited programs are now considered to have fulfilled the NRS educational requirements for licensure as an intern.

Intern Application Process Streamlined

- Letters of reference are no longer required.
- Personal interviews are no longer required for all licensees, and only required on a case-by-case basis for those applicants with positive background inquiries.

More Flexible National Exam Process

- MFTs now have same ability as CPCs to take national exam during their final semester of graduate study.
- Both MFTs and CPCs now have the ability to take their exams three times in one year if needed.

CEU Options Broadened and Clarified

- CEU credits may be earned for teaching and graduate-level coursework.
- CEU credits may now be earned by attending MFT/CPC BOE meetings (unless the Board is considering action against the licensee); or attending meetings or events of coalitions, committees, or boards related to community health care.
- MFTs and CPCs are now able to earn all CEUs online if interactive and live. Otherwise, there is a 10 hour limit on CEUs earned through non-interactive and non-live platforms.
- Board and staff now have a clear process to follow for approving CEU providers and courses.

CPC Practice Scope Restriction Rescinded

- Regulation R091-14, adopted in April 2016, has been deleted in full, meaning that all CPCs have the practice scope listed in NRS.
 - *note: all licensees should still practice only within their ethically determined scopes of competence*

Summary of NAC Changes Effective 9/20/19

On September 20, 2019, the Nevada Board of Examiners for MFT/CPC approved R-095-19. This regulation contains the changes to section 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) relating to the practice of Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors. The approval of these NAC changes is the culmination of the legislature passing SB 37 on June 6, 2019.

As a guide to making sense of the NAC changes, the following summation of highlights is provided. To understand all of the NAC changes, **it is the responsibility of the reader to review R-095-19 for themselves.**

Biennial License for CPC/MFT license (renews every even-number year)

- Biennial renewal of a license to practice as a CPC or MFT \$450
- Fee for late payment of biennial renewal \$125
- If applying for license mid-biennial period, licensure fees will be prorated on a monthly basis for the period from the date of issuance until the expiration of the license on January 1 of each even-numbered year.

New Fee Structure

- Application for an initial license \$150
- Issuance of initial license \$60
- Place CPC/MFT license on inactive status (3 years max) \$100
- Issuance of duplicate license \$10
- One-time only renewal of a CPC/MFT Intern license \$150
- Reevaluation of applicant's coursework (academic review) \$50
- Application for approval as a primary supervisor \$75
- Approval of a course or program of continuing education \$25/each
- Approval of a provider of continuing education \$150/year

Scope of Practice Changes for CPC/MFT

- Exclusions removed thereby allowing those activities within scope of practice – including diagnosis and treatment of bipolar, schizophrenia, and psychosis.
- Exclusions for CPC scope of practice removed, allowing assessment and treatment of couples and families in circumstances that the Board determines are appropriate.

Continuing Education Requirements for Biennial CPC/MFT Licenses:

- 40 CEUs during the two-year period.
- Of which, 6 CEUs will be in ethics during the two-year period.
- Of which, 4 CEUs will be in suicide prevention during the two-year period.
- Licensees will sign an affidavit attesting to completion of the continuing education requirements rather than submitting a list of CEUs.

Intern Process Streamlined

- Written summary of experience or personal statement no longer required
- Eliminated the automatic expiration of an intern's license if they change approved supervisors.
- If wanting a new license printed with current supervisor – fee is \$10

Licensure by Endorsement

- Reciprocity license allowed for holders of a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a CPC/MFT in another state or District of Columbia.
- Reciprocity also given to active members, veterans, or a spouse of an active member of the Armed Forces.