## Professional Licensing Disclosure for the Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy through Abilene Christian University's Online MFT Graduate Degree.

To practice as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) in the United States, an individual must secure a professional license from the state jurisdiction in which they intend to practice. Each state has its own standards for practice and regulates MFTs differently. This document provides a list of states where this institution has determined that the marriage and family therapy curriculum either meets the educational requirements for licensure or does not meet the educational requirements for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist.

The degree program provides clinical internship experiences resulting in 500 hours of supervised client contact; 200 of those hours are relational hours defined as those hours spent counseling couples and families. Some states require more relational hours and may necessitate enrollment in additional semesters of clinical internship.

Also, in the states where the institution has made the determination that its curriculum meets the educational requirements for licensure, this does not mean that this is the only requirement to be licensed in that state. Students are responsible for knowing and meeting the licensure requirements for the state in which they intend to practice.

To assist you in making your decision whether to apply to ACU's MFT program, we have provided a list of states and the respective contact information for the <u>state board of examiners in marriage and family therapy</u>, where available. We encourage you to contact the licensing/governing body in the state in which you desire to become licensed or intend to work to seek additional information.

This information is provided in accordance with US Department of Education 34 CFR (Parts 600, 602, 603, 654, 668, and 674).