

TITLE 86. STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE
CHAPTER 15. LICENSED MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

86:15-1-3. [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Application for Licensure

86:15-5-2. [AMENDED]

86:15-5-3. [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Supervised Experience Requirements

86:15-9-2. [AMENDED]

86:15-9-4. [AMENDED]

86:15-9-5. [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments to 86:15-1-3 strikes the definition for "On-site supervisor". The proposed amendments to 86:15-5-2 strikes required documentation that is no longer needed to complete the Supervision Agreement form. The proposed amendments to 86:15-5-3 more clearly defines the regional accrediting bodies, more clearly defines the graduate degree and coursework requirements and aligns the requirement language with language used in surrounding states and similar behavioral health licenses, strikes duplicative language no longer needed, more clearly defines the Board's graduate degree review process, includes additional option for the Board to utilize a designated credentialing agency to determine the fitness of a graduate degree program, more clearly defines the process of review for degrees earned from institutions outside of the United States, and strikes language regarding international degrees that is no longer needed. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-2 strikes the requirement for the use of technology-assisted supervision to be approved by the Board and the factors to be considered for approval, strikes the requirement for an On-site supervisor to be employed at the same facility where a candidate for licensure is accruing supervised experience, and more clearly defines that a Board approved supervisor shall be immediately available to the candidate for licensure any time the candidate is engaging in the practice of marital and family therapy. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-4 more clearly defines "full time" on-the-job experience to align with current requirements, strikes the requirement for two (2) observations to be performed each six (6) month evaluation period and strikes the requirement for the Board approved supervisor to consult with the approved On-site supervisor each six (6) month reporting period. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-5 strikes the requirement to document observations and the date of consultation between the Board approved supervisor and on-site supervisor when

submitting the Evaluation of Supervised Experience.

AUTHORITY:

State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure; 59 O.S. 2011; 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1901 et. seq.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments through October 15, 2025 to Eric Ashmore at 3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110, Oklahoma City, OK 73118, or by email to info.behavioralhealth@bbhl.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303(B)(9), "persons may demand a hearing" by contacting Eric Ashmore at (405) 522-3696 or info.behavioralhealth@ok.gov no later than October 15, 2025.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The agency requests that business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the agency with information, within the comment period, in dollar amount if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Eric Ashmore at the above address during the period from September 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed rules may be viewed on the agency's website at <https://oklahoma.gov/behavioralhealth.html> and copies may be obtained from the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure's office located at 3815 N. Santa Fe, Suite 110, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. Copies may also be obtained by written request emailed to info.behavioralhealth@bbhl.ok.gov.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review after September 15, 2025 at the above addresses.

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