

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSURE OF
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS**

Policy Statement

DEFINITION OF RELATIONAL PRACTICUM HOURS

Effective May 20, 2008

The Board adopts the following policy for the definition of relational practicum hours.

"Relational" practicum hours is defined as therapy or counseling with either couples or families. The Board considers relational practicum hours to be hours of therapy or counseling with either couples or families having counseling or therapy together.

Therefore, for purposes of S.C. Code of Regulations 36-07(2)(f) pertaining to the General Licensing Provision for Marriage and Family Therapy Interns requiring that the clinical experience must include a minimum of three hundred (300) hours of face to face client contact, one half (1/2) must be with either couples or families having counseling or therapy together.

Regulation reference:

36-07. General Licensing Provisions for Marriage and Family Therapy Interns.

An applicant for initial licensure as a marriage and family therapy intern must:

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(2) (f) a minimum of nine (9) graduate semester hours in clinical experience. The coursework content in this area must include client contact and clinical supervision with individuals, couples, and families in a clinical setting. The clinical experience must include a minimum of three hundred (300) hours of face to face client contact, one half (1/2) of which must be relational. A minimum of fifty (50) hours of clinical supervision must be provided by a marriage and family therapy supervisor; and