

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.16903 Restricted use of title; advertising; limited license; use of title during training period; use of words, titles, or letters.**

Sec. 16903. (1) An individual licensed under this part as a marriage and family therapist shall use only the title "licensed marriage and family therapist" or "licensed marriage counselor" or the abbreviation "l.m.f.t." in representing his or her services in the practice of marriage and family therapy to the public.

(2) Unless exempt under section 16905(3), only an individual licensed under this part may advertise that he or she offers marriage and family therapy; marriage or family counseling service or advice; marriage or family guidance service or advice; marriage or family relations service or advice; marriage or family problems service or advice; marriage or family relations advice or assistance; service in the alleviation of a marital or family problem; or service of similar import or effect that is included in the practice of marriage and family therapy.

(3) The board may grant a limited license to an individual who has met the requirements of section 16909(a) and (b) in order to permit that individual to obtain the experience required under section 16909(c). The board shall not renew a limited license for more than 6 years. A limited licensee shall do all of the following:

(a) Use only the title "limited licensed marriage and family therapist" or "limited licensed marriage counselor".

(b) Not represent that he or she is engaged in the independent practice of marriage and family therapy.

(c) Practice only under the supervision of a fully licensed marriage and family therapist.

(d) Confine his or her practice to an organized health care setting or other arrangement approved by the board.

(4) An individual engaged in obtaining experience required under section 16909(b) may use the title "marriage and family therapist intern" or "marriage and family therapist trainee" during the training period. The board shall not require an individual obtaining experience required under section 16909(b) to hold a limited license.

(5) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those individuals authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed by this part: "marriage advisor" or "marriage consultant"; "family counselor", "family advisor", "family therapist", or "family consultant"; "family guidance counselor", "family guidance advisor", or "family guidance consultant"; "marriage guidance counselor", "marriage guidance advisor", or "marriage guidance consultant"; "family relations counselor"; "marriage relations counselor", "marriage relations advisor", or "marriage relations consultant"; or "marital counselor" or "marital therapist".

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