



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4757-27-01 Scope of practice of a marriage and family therapist.

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(A) A marriage and family therapist may for a fee, salary, or other consideration engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy through any of the following:

- (1) As an individual private practitioner or as a member of a partnership or group practice;
- (2) As an employee of a public or private organization.

(B) The "practice of marriage and family therapy" means the diagnosis, treatment, evaluation, assessment, counseling, and management, of mental and emotional disorders, whether cognitive, affective or behavioral, within the context of marriage and family systems, to individuals, couples, and families, singly or in groups, whether those services are offered directly to the general public or through public or private organizations, for a fee, salary or other consideration through the professional application of marriage and family theories, therapies, and techniques, including, but not limited to psychotherapeutic theories, therapies and techniques that marriage and family therapists are educated and trained to perform.

(C) A marriage and family therapist may diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders under the supervision of one of the following:

- (1) An independent marriage and family therapist;
- (2) A professional clinical counselor;
- (3) An independent social worker;
- (4) A psychologist;
- (5) A psychiatrist.



(D) A marriage and family therapist may not diagnose, treat, or advise on conditions outside the recognized boundaries of the marriage and family therapist's competency. A marriage and family therapist shall make appropriate and timely referrals when a client's needs exceed the marriage and family therapist's competence level.