

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CONCISE STATEMENT OF PROPOSED NON-TEHCNICAL AMENDMENTS
(AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS)**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1.7(b)(8), the following is a concise statement of proposed non-technical amendments to *Licensing Clinical Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists* (216-RICR-40-05-11)

Amendment Coordinates	Rationale/Summary of Change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The title of this rule was amended to add the word “Clinical” • § 11.2(A)(5) was revised to update the citation to the R.I. Gen. Laws. • The header for § 11.3.1 was revised to add “Associates and Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors.” • § 11.3.1(B) [now § 11.3.2(A)] (was added to indicate that the qualifications listed were for the licensing of a clinical mental health counselor associate” • § 11.3.1(B)(1)(c) [now § 11.3.2(A)(1)(c)] was amended to add “or ninety (90) quarter hours” as requirements for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor associate. • § 11.3.1(B)(2)(b) [now § 11.3.2(A)(2)(b)] was amended to add “or eighteen (18) quarter hours of” and “but in no case less than six hundred (600) hours” to the educational practicum and internship requirements. • § 11.3.3 was created for “Clinical Mental Health Counselor” and the following were added or amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Added §§ 11.3.3(A), 11.3.3(A)(1), (2), and (3) to provide requirements for licensure as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor. ○ Incorporated § 11.3.1(A)(3)(a) into § 11.3.3(A) as § 11.3.3(A)(4) and added “An approved supervisor.” ○ Incorporated § 11.3.1(A)(3) as § 11.3.3(A)(5). • The header for § 11.3.2 [now § 11.3.4] was revised to refer to Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associates and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists • § 11.3.5 was created for “Marriage and Family Therapist Associate” and the following were added or amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Added §§ 11.3.5(A) and 11.3.5(A)(1). ○ Incorporated §§ 11.3.2(A)(1) [now § 11.3.5(A)(2)] and 11.3.2(A)(2) [now § 11.3.5(A)(3)]

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • § 11.3.6 was created for “Marriage and Family Therapist” and the following were added or amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Added §§ 11.3.6(A), 11.3.6(A)(1), (2) and (3) ○ Incorporated § 11.3.2(A)(3)(a) into § 11.3.6(A) as § 11.3.6(A)(4) and added “an approved supervisor.” ○ Incorporated § 11.3.2(A)(4) as § 11.3.6(A)(5). • The word “clinical” was added throughout this rule whenever mental health counselors were referenced. • Added § 11.3.10(C) which creates expiration dates for Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associates and Marriage and Family Therapist Associates licenses. • Minor formatting revisions were made to conform to the RICR style guide.