

ABEMFT News Blasts

- **ABEMFT Changes in MFT Education Requirements for Initial Licensure** - 09-18-12

The Attorney General's Office has advised that the new requirements for initial licensure (and new forms) will apply to individuals who apply for licensure after February 6, 2012. Individuals already in process for licensure will continue their application process under the previous Rules and Regulations that were effective at the time of their application.

Changes to the Rules and Regulations specifically pertaining to MFT Education are located in Chapter 536-X-5 – Board Course Requirements, beginning on page 13. The following is a summary of courses now required:

Marriage and Family Studies (two (2) courses, minimum)

Marriage and Family Therapy (three (3) courses, minimum)

Human Development (two (2) courses, minimum)

Professional Issues and Ethics (one (1) course, minimum)

Research (one (1) course, minimum)

Mental Health Diagnosis (one (1) course, minimum) – this course will be required of all licensees beginning January 1, 2013.