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Emergency Policy on Pre-Master's Degree Experience

At its meeting on May 15, 2020, the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions voted to issue the following policy:

Licensed Mental Health Counselor Applicants: Because of the current declared state of emergency in Massachusetts, a licensed mental health counselor applicant who graduates from an acceptable master's degree program from March 10, 2020 through August 30, 2020 and has not finished the required pre-master's degree internship described in 262 CMR 2.00, et seq., may complete that internship using additional hours earned during an acceptable practicum or post-graduate work experience.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Applicants: Because of the current declared state of emergency in Massachusetts, a licensed marriage and family therapist applicant who graduates from an acceptable master's degree program from March 10, 2020 through August 30, 2020 and has not finished the required pre-master's degree "clinical internship or practicum" described in 262 CMR 3.00, et seq., may complete that "clinical internship or practicum" using additional hours earned during an acceptable post-graduate work experience.

This policy does not modify the required amounts of specific types of hours for a practicum, internship, or post-master's degree work experience, and no hours may be counted for more than one such experience.

