Requirements to take the Illinois Marriage and Family Therapy Examination:

First-Time Applicants:

This examination is a multi-step application process.

You first must apply to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for approval prior to registering here to Continental Testing Services. You can apply to IDFPR at: https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/marrfamtherapy.html.

Please DO NOT apply with Continental Testing Services or PTC until after you are approved by IDFPR.

Once approved by IDFPR, you will receive an approval letter instructing you to apply here to Continental Testing Services with a testing fee. You can apply to our office by registering clicking the link for the Online Marriage and Family Therapist Application on the Illinois Marriage and Therapy home page (previous page).

You must then apply to Professional Testing Corporation at: https://secure.ptcny.com/apply. Select the AMFTRB examination and testing period from the menus, provide an email address, and pay online. You will need to respond YES to the question of whether or not you are a state candidate. You will be prompted to enter a candidate specific, single-use examination code. Continental Testing Services (CTS) will provide this code to applicants directly by email approximately 7-10 business days after applying with CTS.

PTC will send an eligibility notice via email to the email address provided by the candidate about six weeks prior to the start of the testing period. The eligibility notice will include an eligibility number and information on how to set up your examination location, date, and time through Prometric. A copy of this eligibility notice must be presented at the testing center.

Retake Applicants:

You will need to reapply here to Continental Testing Services with payment and to Professional Testing Corporation with their payment in order to receive a new eligibility letter. You are not required to reapply to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Exam Information:

The National Marital and Family Therapy Examination will be offered during the third full week of each month, Monday through Saturday. The candidates will be able to select their preferred month. The application deadline will be on the first of each month preceding the month in which the candidate wishes to take the exam. The candidates must select the correct testing period at the first step of the application process. There are no transfers to another testing period or refunds of application fees.