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May 5, 2025

Dr. Lisa Merchant  
Marriage and Family Therapy Program  
Abilene Christian University (MMFT)

Dear Dr. Merchant:

The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), at its April 14-15, 2025 meeting, reviewed the Response to Stipulations submitted by the Marriage and Family Therapy (MMFT) program at Abilene Christian University.

The Commission voted to accept the program's **Response to Stipulations** and to **remove** the following Stipulations:

Key Element II-E  
Key Element IV-C  
Key Element IV-D

The Commission's review of the program materials is below:

## **STANDARD II: PROGRAM LEADERSHIP, PROGRAM FACULTY, AND PROGRAM CLINICAL SUPERVISORS**

### **Key Element II-E: Program Clinical Supervisor Evaluation and Effectiveness**

*Program clinical supervisors meet the expectations of their program and professional roles. The program reviews clinical supervisor effectiveness and contributions to program quality.*

- The program must have a stated process for evaluation of the program clinical supervisor's contribution and effectiveness appropriate to the supervisor's role.*
- The evaluation process must identify who directs the process, the evaluation methods and data used, timeline, and as needed, include a plan to support further development and enhanced effectiveness.*
- The program must demonstrate that it completes its program clinical supervisor evaluation and effectiveness review process and assures that the results of the evaluation are provided to each program clinical supervisor.*

**Commission's Response:**

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The Stipulation is removed.

**STANDARD IV: PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT**

**Key Element IV-C: Review and Improvement of Environmental Supports**

*The program demonstrates that aggregated data on environmental supports are collected and reviewed as specified in Key Element I-C. Data and analysis from program review demonstrate that the program is maintaining its environmental supports or making improvements where needed.*

**Commission's Response:**

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The Stipulation is removed.

**Key Element IV-D: Communication with Communities of Interest**

*The program demonstrates that it communicates results of assessment data compiled according to the program's assessment plan (outlined in Standard I) and any resulting program changes to relevant communities of interest.*

**Commission's Response:**

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The Stipulation is removed.

The program is accredited with no stipulations for the cycle of November 1, 2024 - November 1, 2031.

The following document must be submitted in the required format by the noted deadline:

Document	Submission Deadline
Annual Report	January 31, 2026

Please feel free to contact the Accreditation Office by e-mail at [coa@aamft.org](mailto:coa@aamft.org) or by phone at (703) 253-0448 if you have further questions or if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

  
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