

**Scopes of Practice  
for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists  
Under Oregon Statutes and Rules<sup>1</sup>**

According to existing Oregon statutes and rules, the lawful scopes of practice for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) includes “identification” and “diagnostic appraisal and assessment” of mental health conditions and problems.

As shown in the following table, these scopes of practice are determined by Chapter 675 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) as interpreted by Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 833, Division 10:<sup>2</sup>

SPECIFIC LICENSURE	OREGON REVISED STATUTES Chapter 675	OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Chapter 833, Division 10 (Interpretation of ORS 675.705 to ORS 675.835)
<b>LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST</b>	<p><b>ORS 675.705 (5):</b></p> <p>“Marriage and family therapy means <i>the identification and treatment</i> of cognitive, affective, and behavioral conditions as symptoms of familial and marital dysfunctions.” [italics added]</p>	<p><b>OAR 833-010-0001 Section (5):</b></p> <p>“Identification and treatment may include <i>diagnostic appraisal and assessment.</i>” [italics added]</p>
<b>LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR</b>	<p><b>ORS 675.705 (6):</b></p> <p>“Professional counseling” includes, but is not limited to: (a) Application of counseling theories and techniques designed to assist clients with current or potential problems and to facilitate change in thinking, feeling, and behaving.</p>	<p><b>OAR 833-010-0001 Section (2):</b></p> <p>“Application of counseling theories and techniques may include <i>diagnostic appraisal and assessment.</i>” [italics added]</p>

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<sup>1</sup> Compiled 10/21/07 by Art Tolentino, PhD and reviewed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and its legal counsel on 1/10/2008.

<sup>2</sup> ORS 183.310(9) Defines “rule” as “any agency directive, standard, regulation or statement of general applicability that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of any agency.”