

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PREMARITAL COUNSELING

PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

In order to qualify for the reduced fee, the premarital education program: must have been completed within 12 months prior to the date of the application; must have been taken by the couple together; must have included not less than six (6) hours of instruction involving marital issues, which may include but are not limited to conflict management, communication skills, financial responsibilities, child and parenting responsibilities and extended family role; and must have been provided by (1) a professional counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist licensed in Georgia, (2) a psychiatrist licensed in Georgia, (3) a psychologist license in Georgia, or (4) an active member of the Clergy when in the course of his or her service as clergy or his or her designee, provided the designee is trained and skilled in premarital education.

FEES

Without Certification of
Premarital Counseling

\$76

With Certification of
Premarital Counseling

\$36

REQUIREMENTS

- **Couple must come together** to apply for marriage license between the hours of **8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday-Friday** no more than 30 days before date of marriage
- Must provide a **Government issued ID** such as Military, driver's license, passport-**No work IDs Will be accepted**
- Final Divorce Decree (signed and dated by the judge)
- **Cash, Money Order or Credit/Debit Cards** (There is a convenience fee if using a card)
- Social Security card
- Birth Certificate (optional)
- Counseling form **MUST** be original signature and **must be notarized**.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF QUALIFYING
PREMARITAL EDUCATION**

This will certify that _____ and
_____ (Groom)
_____ have completed a course of premarital
education conducted by the undersigned on _____ and
_____ (Bride)
_____ (date)

that such course qualifies under Section 19-3-30.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated in that it included at least six (6) hours of instruction involving marital issues (which may include but not be limited to conflict management, communication skills, financial responsibilities, child and parenting responsibilities, and extended family roles) and the couple underwent the course together.

I further certify that I am:

_____ A professional counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist who is Licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

_____ A psychiatrist who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

_____ A psychologist who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 39 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

_____ An active member of the Clergy who:
_____ performed such education in the course of my services as Clergy;

OR

_____ designated _____ to perform such education, and I certify that my designee is trained and skilled in premarital education and has certified to me the completion of the course by the couple.

Sworn to and certified before
me on the _____ day of
_____, 20____.

Notary Public Signature

Seal

Signature of Counselor

Printed Name

Address

City, State & Zip Code