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To Whom It May Concern:

Please review the enclosed copies of Florida Statute Chapter 741.0305, Premarital Course Provider Information, and Premarital Course Provider Affidavit.

Please return the fully executed Premarital Course Provider Affidavit to the Hardee County Clerk of Courts.

When the premarital course has been completed, please issue a Premarital Course Certificate on church letterhead, along with the following information:

- Names of the individuals that have completed the premarital course
- Number of hours completed (Florida Statute requires a minimum of four hours)
- Please specify whether the premarital course was completed by personal instruction, videotape, instruction via another electronic medium, or a combination of those methods.

If there are any questions, please contact our office at 863-773-4174 Ext. 7227

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Rogers,
Hardee County, Clerk of the Circuit court and Comptroller

By: _____
Laura L Barker, Deputy Clerk

The 2025 Florida Statutes

Title XLIII

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Chapter 741

MARRIAGE; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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741.0305 Marriage fee reduction for completion of premarital preparation course.—

(1) A man and a woman who intend to apply for a marriage license under s. 741.04 may, together or separately, complete a premarital preparation course of not less than 4 hours. Each individual shall verify completion of the course by filing with the application a valid certificate of completion from the course provider, which certificate shall specify whether the course was completed by personal instruction, videotape instruction, instruction via other electronic medium, or a combination of those methods. All individuals who complete a premarital preparation course pursuant to this section must be issued a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the course by their course provider. Upon furnishing such certificate when applying for a marriage license, the individuals shall have their marriage license fee reduced by \$32.50.

(2) The premarital preparation course may include instruction regarding:

- (a) Conflict management.
- (b) Communication skills.
- (c) Financial responsibilities.
- (d) Children and parenting responsibilities.

(e) Data compiled from available information relating to problems reported by married couples who seek marital or individual counseling.

(3)(a) All individuals electing to participate in a premarital preparation course shall choose from the following list of qualified instructors:

- 1. A psychologist licensed under chapter 490.
- 2. A clinical social worker licensed under chapter 491.
- 3. A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter 491.
- 4. A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 491.
- 5. An official representative of a religious institution which is recognized under s. 496.404, if the representative has relevant training.
- 6. Any other provider designated by a judicial circuit, including, but not limited to, school counselors who are certified to offer such courses. Each judicial circuit may establish a roster of area course providers, including those who offer the course on a sliding fee scale or for free.

(b) The costs of such premarital preparation course shall be paid by the applicant.

(4) Each premarital preparation course provider shall furnish each participant who completes the course with a certificate of completion specifying the name of the participant and the date of completion and whether the course was conducted by personal instruction, videotape instruction, or instruction via other electronic medium, or by a combination of these methods.

(5) All area course providers shall register with the clerk of the circuit court by filing an affidavit in writing attesting to the provider's compliance with the premarital preparation course requirements as set forth in this section and including the course instructor's name and qualifications, including the license number, if any, or, if an official representative of a religious institution, a statement as to relevant training. The affidavit shall also include the addresses where the provider may be contacted.

History.—s. 5, ch. 98-403; s. 16, ch. 99-307; s. 21, ch. 2014-122; s. 76, ch. 2025-22.

Marriage -- Registration and Certification of Course Providers

Subsection (5) of section 741.0305, Florida Statutes, states that

"all area *course providers* shall register with the Clerk of the Circuit Court by filing an affidavit in writing attesting to the provider's compliance with the premarital course requirements as set forth in this section and including the course instructor's name and qualifications, including the license number, if any, or, if an official representative of a religious institution, a statement as to relevant training. The statement shall include the addresses where the provider may be contacted."
(emphasis added)

The form attached following this section is an example of what the course providers could use to fill out the pertinent information to meet the letter of the law and provide the information for the list of providers. The document does not need to be notarized or witnessed; however, a county attorney may require this form to be notarized. It would also be helpful if the provider provided a letter in addition to the form to detail what the course includes, the license numbers and instructors names, etc. This might reduce the time it takes to fill out the form. Another option is to have the provider send you a letter with all of the pertinent information.

The law does not require the Clerk to verify the information offered by the providers, but simply to accept a form.

The law does not require the Clerk to verify or request information that the course curriculum has been reviewed by Florida State University. That requirement appears to be separate and apart from their ability to give the course or sign up with the Clerk to be on a list. The FSU requirement is to measure the efficacy of the course -- time frame not specified.

Practically anyone can come in and sign up to offer the premarital prep courses. The law lists the following as qualified instructors (this could be different than providers):

- a psychologist licensed under ch. 490
- a clinical social worker
- a marriage and family therapist licensed under ch. 491
- a mental health counselor licensed under ch. 491
- an official representative of a religious institution, which is recognized under s. 496.404(20), F.S., if the representative has relevant training
- any other provider designated by a judicial circuit, including, but not limited to, school counselors who are certified to offer such courses.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY

PREMARITAL COURSE PROVIDER AFFIDAVIT

PROVIDER NAME: RJIMENEZ COUNSELING, INC.

ADDRESS: DR. ROBERTO JIMENEZ

3081 SALZEDO STREET #202-X

CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (305) 414-2199

QUALIFICATIONS AND RELEVANT TRAINING

LMFT MT-1984 - FL

LMHC MH-10038 - FL

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPY

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

(ANY CERTIFICATES OR DOCUMENTS MAY BE PRODUCED THAT ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR QUALIFICATIONS)

Dr. Roberto Jimenez
NAME

AUGUST 18, 2026

DATE

