

# DOCTORAL PROGRAM MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

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## **Mission**

*The Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) Program is a part of the doctoral program of the Department of Family Social Science. The mission of the MFT Program is to educate and mentor the next generation of leaders and agents of social change in the field of marriage and family therapy by working systemically with culturally diverse families and communities locally and internationally. MFT students will be trained to become world-class therapists, trainers of therapists, therapy researchers, therapy supervisors, therapy program developers, and therapy administrators.*

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## **Special Emphases of the Program**

- We integrate family science and MFT in a coherent way.
  - We have a strong emphasis on research, which we view from a broad range of methodologies, including quantitative, qualitative, and community based participatory research.
  - We have a diverse faculty who do research with diverse communities.
  - We have special faculty expertise in community engagement with marginalized groups and those in the mainstream of society.
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## **Practicum and Internship for Marriage and Family Therapy**

The MFT Program assists students in finding a practicum and internship in community settings. However, these experiences are competitive and require a match between the specific needs of an agency and the qualifications of the applicants. We encourage each student to network with available sites to locate the best opportunities. Students are expected to be involved in continuous clinical practice during their program.

Students will have both individual and group supervision, and will receive supervision based on direct observation, or on video or audio tape. Students receive 1000 hours of clinical contact training during their doctoral program, with credit for up to 500 clinical hours in a prior master's degree program.



## General Information

- The MFT program is available only at the doctoral level. Applicants must have a clinical masters degree (e.g., marriage and family therapy, social work, psychology, counseling, psychiatric nursing).
- Students may apply to the MFT program simultaneously with their application to the FSoS Ph.D. Program.
- MFT faculty offer group supervision to practicum and internship students. Individual supervision is provided by supervisors in off-campus settings. The MFT program does not have an on-campus clinic but uses community resources for training.
- The program typically requires four to five years of full-time post-Master's study (including coursework, clinical internship, and doctoral dissertation).
- Admission to the MFT Program is granted on the basis of MFT committee review and decision. Application materials are available online at our website (<http://cehd.umn.edu/fsos/Graduate/admissionOrient.asp>) or contact the department to request a copy.

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### Faculty & Student Demographics:

	Faculty	Students
Female	2	18
Male	1	6
African-American	1	1
American Indian/Alaskan		2
Asian-American		1
European-American	1	14
Latino-American	1	
International		6



**Prerequisites:**

- Admission to the Family Social Science doctoral program
- Clinical master's degree (*not offered* in the Department of Family Social Science), including practicum.

**Requirements:**

See the curriculum in this document

**Policies and Procedures**

See the MFT Program Policies and Procedures Manual (on the Graduate Forms page <http://cehd.umn.edu/fsos/Graduate/forms.asp>) for additional details on program requirements.

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**Required Courses - Marriage and Family Therapy Program**

These courses are in addition to those required for the FSoS doctoral program. Students may waive courses if equivalent ones were taken in the master's program.

**Classroom Clinical Courses**

FSoS 5032 - Family Systems Theories & Interventions

FSoS 8031: Family of Origin

FSoS 8033: Problems in Families

FSoS 8034: Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision

FSoS 8035: Assessment of Couples and Families

FSoS 8037: Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues

FSoS 8039: Clinical Interventions for Couples

SW 8051: Psychopathology and Social Work Practice

FSoS 8275: Clinical Consultation with Couples and Families

Two advanced Clinical Topics Courses required FSoS 8560

**Clinical Contact Courses**

FSoS 8295: Family Therapy Practicum

FSoS 8296: Family Therapy Internship

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**Supervision Program**

Third year MFT doctoral students are eligible to apply for the supervision practicum. They provide supervision to master's degree students whose academic programs give approval. This supervision is supervised by MFT faculty members and meets a portion of the requirements for AAMFT approved supervisor status.

*The Family Social Science MFT Program is accredited by the  
Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.*

