

Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Phillips Graduate Institute Master of Marriage and Family Therapy (MMFT) program at the Los Angeles Education Center of Campbellsville University prepares graduates to work as licensed marriage and family therapists. Systems theories form the core of the academic program, as students are exposed to foundational concepts and cutting-edge, research-based developments in clinical methodology.

LEARNING OCCURS ON THREE LEVELS:

Traditional academic instruction, skills training, and personal and professional growth.

Lectures and assignments are complemented by hands-on practice. Students are challenged to explore their interpersonal processes in order to develop the personal and professional qualities of excellent Marriage and Family Therapists. Our program respects and encourages students from diverse backgrounds to learn with and from each other, and to be prepared to work in complex, multicultural environments. The cohort model, in which a consistent group of students goes through the program together, provides a context for students to learn about systems by reflecting on their cohort process as well as their academic studies.

The Phillips MMFT program utilizes systemic and relational theories as the basis for academic learning and

clinical skills training. Additionally, the program presents a broad array of models for assisting individuals, couples, families, children, adolescents, and larger systems to develop and grow.

In practicum, students receive support and careful advisement in locating appropriate clinical training sites consistent with their professional interests. Students are required to obtain practicum hours that provide clinical experience, training, and supervision in working with individuals, couples, families, children, and adolescents.

The Phillips MMFT program uses both experiential and applied learning in our educational philosophy. All faculty are licensed, practicing professionals with diverse specializations; their professional and personal expertise enhances the classroom experience.

There is no "national" Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) license that would allow MFTs to easily transport their degree from one state to another. Each state has its own licensure process. Should a graduate from a California marriage and family therapy program decide to move outside California, the state to which they relocate may have additional requirements for licensure. Students can learn more about the requirements of MFT licenses in other states at:

<https://amftrb.org/resources/state-licensure-comparison/>

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CLINICAL PLACEMENT

Students are required by the Board of Behavioral Sciences, California's state licensing board, to complete hours of practicum experience (as determined by the academic program) at an approved agency prior to graduation. This practicum experience allows students to provide counseling services to clients under the supervision of licensed professionals. Students may begin their practicum experience after they have completed 13 units of coursework and have been approved by Phillips MMFT program faculty as trainees who are ready to begin clinical work.

Students may complete a portion of their clinical training, earning hours towards graduation and licensure, at our on-site facility, the California Family Counseling Center (CalFam). The Phillips MMFT Clinical Placement and Training Office also maintains a list of approved training sites throughout Southern California.

Phillips MMFT-approved training sites include counseling centers, schools, community and public mental health facilities, and hospitals. While it is ultimately the student's responsibility to obtain a clinical placement, faculty advisors and clinical placement co-directors provide assistance and support with the process.

The student's experience in practicum provides a valuable link to community resources, clinical training opportunities, and professional organizations. Additionally, students begin obtaining their clinical hours toward MFT licensure in their practicum experience.

CASE CONFERENCE

This course begins in the first term of the program and introduces students to live psychotherapy practice as part of a treatment team, then as co-therapists.

It provides a hands-on training experience within a small group which meets once a week.

Students observe live therapy sessions conducted by a licensed therapist from behind a one-way mirror

Students are part of the clinical process as co-therapists or participants on a reflecting team; students also participate in discussion with the therapist/ instructor about the clinical work they observe. Through role-plays and modeling, students learn the communication principles and basic counseling skills they will need as they begin to see their own clients in practicum. Because the curriculum is carefully designed as an integrated experience, students' participation in Case Conference will reflect the same foundational concepts that are being presented in their first year of academic courses.

CAREER PATHS

Our MMFT program graduates pursue work in a variety of settings including:

- Private Practice
- Inpatient and Outpatient Facilities
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Hospitals and Health Maintenance Organizations
- Community and Public Mental Health Facilities
- Schools and Early Childhood Centers
- Social Services Agencies
- Courts and Correctional Facilities

A growing number of MFTs also work with other health-care providers as members of comprehensive treatment teams to provide integrated healthcare services.

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SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULE 60 TERM UNITS

First Term: (13 units)

- MFC502 Family Therapy: Systemic Approaches (3 units)
- MFC503 Developmental Psychology (3 units)
- MFC507 Foundations of Psychotherapy and Counseling (3 units)
- MFC518 Introduction to Research I (1 unit)
- MFC519 Case Conference: Pragmatics and Human Communication (3 units)

Second Term: (12 units)

- MFC504 Diversity and Social Justice in Families, Schools, and Other Systems (2 units)
- MFC505 Family Therapy: Evolving Systemic Approaches (3 units)
- MFC520 Abnormal Psychology (2 units)
- MFC523 Case Conference/Practicum (3 units)
- MFC524 Assessment and Treatment in a Developmental Context (2 units)



Summer Term: (11 units)

- MFC529 Group Dynamics/Practicum (3 units)
- MFC549 Psychological Testing (3 units)
- MFC550 MFTs in Community Mental Health (2 units)
- MFC600 Fundamentals of Addiction (3 units)

Third Term: (13 units)

- MFC521 Introduction to Research II (1 unit)
- MFC528 Couple Therapy (3 units)
- MFC531 Applied Therapeutic Methodology: Relational Therapy I (3 units)
- MFC532 Sexuality and Sex Therapy (1 unit)
- MFC533 Practicum I (2 units)
- MFC539 Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues (3 units)

Fourth Term: (11 units)

- MFC522 Professional Project (1 unit)
- MFC534 Applied Therapeutic Methodology: Relational Therapy II (3 units)
- MFC535 Practicum II (2 units)
- MFC540 Professional Issues for Marriage and Family Therapists (2 units)
- MFC547 Psychopharmacology (3 units)

INFORMATION SESSIONS

To learn more about our
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program, join us for an upcoming
information session on campus or online:
phillips.campbellsville.edu

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HOW TO APPLY

For complete information on the admission process, please contact the Enrollment Services Office at:

818-386-5660

or email

phillips@campbellsville.edu

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Our Master of Marriage and Family Therapy program is a 60-unit curriculum delivered on campus over five terms.
- One full day of class each week either on Saturday or on a weekday from 8am to 5pm.
- A three-hour weekly Case Conference section for the first two terms.
- Beginning as early as the second term, students start gaining practicum hours at a clinical placement site. The practicum experience extends throughout the remainder of the program. Students should expect to spend approximately 15-20 hours per week in clinical experience, training, and supervision in addition to regular class time.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
2. Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0
A "Grade Point Average Exemption Statement" may allow admission for applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement.

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Approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education