

CHILD THERAPY, CAS

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Description

The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Child Therapy is available to students currently enrolled in the Marriage and Family Therapy or Masters of Social Work residential programs, or the Marriage and Family Therapy online program who intend to expand their knowledge and skills in clinical practice with children and their families or caregivers. The Certificate of Advanced Study in Child Therapy addresses the critical shortage of mental health professionals who are trained to address the needs of children, adolescents and their families.

The core courses, and elective options, address the theoretical foundations of child therapy, as well as evidenced-based trauma-informed practice approaches and techniques.

Courses in the Child Therapy CAS may be delivered either residually and/or through distance education format and sections may be restricted or reserved for certain populations. Applicants are encouraged to contact their advisor and/or the MFT Department Chair for information regarding course offerings.

Admission

The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Child Therapy is restricted to baccalaureate prepared licensed/certified professionals, and students currently enrolled in the Marriage and Family Therapy or Masters of Social Work residential programs, or the Marriage and Family Therapy online program. GRE's are not required. Psychopathology (or its equivalent) is required for completion of the Child Therapy CAS. Because Psychopathology is a required course in the SWK, MFT and MHC master's degree programs, it is not listed as a course in the Child Therapy CAS.

Completion of the Advanced Certificate in Child Therapy program alone does not qualify an individual for licensure as a social worker, marriage and family therapist, or any other profession licensed under Title VIII of the Education Law, nor does it authorize a certificate holder to engage in those scope-restricted professions.

Eligibility requirement: To be awarded a Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS), a student must be matriculated in the certificate program for at least one semester. Matriculation may not be backdated.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Apply principles of child development; human sexuality; gender development; and family development and processes, especially in the context of trauma
2. Evaluate which models, modalities, and/or techniques are most effective for presenting problems with children, including children and families with trauma
3. Explain a variety of individual and systemic therapeutic models and their application, including evidence-based therapies and culturally sensitive approaches for working with children and families, including trauma-related approaches to treatment

4. Deliver interventions in a way that is sensitive to special needs of clients (e.g., gender, age, socioeconomic status, culture/race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, personal history, larger systems issues of the client)

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MFT 686	Play Therapy with Children and Families	3
or COU 678	Child Centered Play Therapy	
Select one of the following:		3
SWK 626	Persons in Social Context	
MFT 688	Family Therapy Across the Life Cycle	
COU 626	Social and Cultural Dimensions of Counseling	
COU 645	Counseling Prepracticum II: Advanced Multicultural Counseling Skills	
MFT 643	Family Therapy with Complex Trauma	3
or SWK 738	Core Concepts in Trauma Treatment for Children and Adolescents	
Select one of the following:		3
MFT 642	Therapy with LGBTQ Couples and Families	
SWK 709	Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families	
COU 672	Counseling Children and Adolescents	
Total Credits		12

Transfer Credit

A maximum of three credits from a combination of transfer and/or external examinations/extra-institutional and experiential learning will be accepted toward a C.A.S.

Part-Time Study

Part-time study is allowed.

Satisfactory Progress

Students must complete each course with a grade of B- or better and an overall GPA of 3.00 or better.