

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, MA

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Description

The Syracuse University Marriage and Family Therapy (SUMFT) program educates and trains clinicians, scholars and researchers in the profession of Marriage and Family Therapy. Syracuse University MFT carries out this mission through the "Self and Systems" training and supervision approach which incorporates the integration of self-understanding of students in clinical training, with a systems framework for clinical work with clients. Students gain a solid knowledge of marriage and family therapy theory and techniques.

The 60-credit MA program is available in two formats, a traditional on-campus program and a part-time online program. The on-campus program utilizes both the Couple and Family Therapy Center, an on-campus clinical training and research facility, and at local community sites. The online program is delivered through synchronous and asynchronous courses and practicum hours are obtained in students' local community clinical sites.

Applicants to the master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy are screened for admissions by a committee of faculty of the sponsoring department (Marriage and Family Therapy). Requirements include a completed bachelor's degree, 3 letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. There is no minimum GPA required for admission, although the MFT Department uses a benchmark of 3.4 as a standard.

Financial Support

Financial aid/scholarship credits offered from Falk College or the MFT department are not available. Students may complete the FAFSA to explore financial aid.

Facilities

Most of the courses in the residential master's degree are taught at Peck Hall, which is a renovated 30,000 square foot facility that has been completely renovated and adapted for a clinical training environment. The building contains three smart classrooms and a computer lab with 24 stations.

Transfer Credit

Up to 12 credits of degree applicable course work may be transferred to the MA in Marriage and Family Therapy. A grade of B or higher is required for a course to transfer.

Satisfactory Progress

Per University rules and regulations, Graduate students must earn a minimum average of 3.0 for work comprising the program for the degree or certificate and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8.

Part-Time Study

A 3-year part-time program of study is available for residential students. The online program is only offered part-time.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate awareness and regulation of self in system
2. Demonstrate engagement with cultural and contextual differences
3. Demonstrate MFT clinical competency skills across a variety of contexts
4. Demonstrate an applied knowledge of MFT legal and ethical guidelines and professional standards
5. Demonstrate an applied knowledge of MFT historical and current research-informed theoretical information

Course Requirements for M.A. Program

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MFT 567	Sexual Issues for the Helping Professional	3
MFT 661	Introduction to Family Therapy Practice	3
MFT 662	Systems Dynamics in a Group Setting	3
MFT 663	Applied Research in Human Service Settings	3
or SWK 662	Applied Research in Human Service Settings	
MFT 671	Introduction to Family Systems	3
MFT 672	Couple Therapy: Theory and Techniques	3
MFT 675	Internship Pre-Planning	0
MFT 681	Marriage and Family Therapy Ethics and Issues	3
MFT 682	Marriage and Family Therapy Theory and Techniques	3
MFT 724	Psychopathology	3
or SWK 724	Psychopathology	
MFT 684	Family Therapy Perspectives on Cultural Diversity	3
MFT 688	Family Therapy Across the Life Cycle	3
Select one of the following:		3
MFT 781	Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings	
SWK 781	Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings	
PHP 609	The Impact of Addictions on Families and Relationships	
MFT 750	Introduction to Marriage & Family Therapy Practicum	3
MFT 760	Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy I	3
MFT 761	Practicum in Marriage & Family Therapy II	3
MFT 762	Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy III	3
MFT 763	Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy IV	3
MFT 997	Master's Thesis or Project	0-6
Elective Courses		
With guidance from their advisor, students should choose up to 9 credits in alignment with their career goals, interests, and professional aspirations or choose one of the two concentrations offered. The Trauma Informed Practice and Child Therapy concentrations are described below		9
Total Credits: 60		

Trauma Informed Practice Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
MFT 603	Introduction to Trauma Studies	3
MFT 643	Family Therapy with Complex Trauma	3
MFT 773	Family Violence: Theory and Therapy	3

Child Therapy Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
MFT 642	Therapy with LGBTQ Couples and Families	3
MFT 643	Family Therapy with Complex Trauma	3
MFT 686	Play Therapy with Children and Families	3