

**Pre-Professional
Graduate Certificate Program
in
Marriage and Family Therapy**

*College of Education
College of Family and Consumer Sciences
School of Social Work*



The University of Georgia

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

PRE-PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Pre-Professional Graduate Certificate Program in Marriage and Family Therapy is designed to provide an interdisciplinary program for graduate students interested in the applied field of marriage and family therapy. The program is for graduate students concurrently enrolled in a program at UGA, and where they are able to see clients in a clinical setting during their degree program. Completion of the requirements for the certificate program will provide a strong basis preparing the student to undertake further supervised clinical training in marriage and family therapy. The certificate program is not intended to provide all the training necessary to function as an independent professional nor to meet all the requirements for (a) state licensure as a marriage and family therapist or (b) clinical membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. The Certificate Program attempts to meet the course requirements, but not the practicum requirements for licensure in Georgia. For a practicum to count towards licensure, the student must see marriage and family clients under the supervision of a licensed professional, who is either a Board approved or AAMFT approved supervisor, for 500 hours over 12 consecutive months. Even though we have applied our best efforts to structure the program's curriculum to meet Georgia's state requirements, it is the student's responsibility to stay abreast of the requirements for licensure in Marriage and Family Therapy. The requirements are available on the Georgia Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/counselors/>

The Certificate program involves three units of the University of Georgia: the College of Education, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the School of Social Work. Graduate courses that may be used to fulfill requirements for the certificate program are offered in several units of the University of Georgia including the Department of Human Development and Family Science, the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, the School of Social Work, Department of Psychology, and Department of Educational Psychology.

To be admitted, the student must be admitted to a department at the University of Georgia at the graduate level. The student must complete a practicum at a site with appropriate supervision approved by the student's department. The graduate student and his/her advisor in the student's academic department plan the program of study to fulfill the requirements of the certificate program and submit an application to the Coordinator of the Faculty of Marriage and Family Therapy in his/her department. Courses in the certificate program may also apply to the degree program in the student's academic department, depending on departmental approval.

For Master's degree students, the certificate will be awarded upon completion of the certificate requirements and completion of the Master's degree program in which the student is enrolled. For students already holding a Master's degree, the certificate will be awarded at the end of the semester in which the certificate requirements are satisfied.

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www.fcs.uga.edu/cfd/mft/certificate.html

CURRICULUM

The certificate program requires a student to complete 21 hours of credit. These must include 15 hours of core courses and 6 hours of practicum. The core curriculum hours will be distributed as follows: 3 hours in Professional Studies; 6 hours in Marriage and Family Studies; and 6 hours in Marriage and Family Therapy. Any of these courses may also be in partial completion of requirements in the graduate degree program of the student's department/school. Practicum hours will be completed through registration in the practicum programs of the student's department/school. UGA practicum is required. At least 3 hours of the core course hours must be taken outside of the student's department/school*. This requirement is designed to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the field of marriage and family therapy and this certificate program. Students are encouraged to take more than the minimum 6 hours of course work outside of their own department. Please note: the professional studies course 6010 counts towards 3 of the 6 hours even if the course is taught in the student's own department. No more than 3 of the 15 hours may be taken in split graduate/undergraduate courses. A grade of "B" or better must be earned for a course to count toward completion of the certificate.

The course curriculum is as follows. Any graduate prerequisites are indicated in parentheses. These courses are subject to change. Check with certificate faculty to find out which courses are currently available.

CORE COURSES (15 hours) These courses are not necessarily offered every year. Check *Athena* to see course listing for a specific semester.

Professional Studies (3 hours)

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| ECHD 6010 | Issues and Ethics in Marriage and Family Therapy |
| SOWK 6010 | (Alternately offered by CFD, SW, and CHDS) |
| HDFS 6010 | |

Couples and Family Studies (6 hours)

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| HDFS 6100 | Theories of Human Development |
| HDFS 6610 | The Family |
| HDFS 6630 | Theories of Family Development |
| HDFS 6640 | Issues in Family Relationships |
| HDFS 8700 | Philosophy of Science in Human Development |
| ECHD 8050 | Counseling Children and Adolescents |
| ECHD 8045 | Advanced Play Therapy |
| ECHD 8380 | Optimal Experience, Adaptation and Aging |

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| SOWK 6044 | Theory and Practice with Groups |
| SOWK 6107 | Crisis Intervention |
| SOWK 6132 | Social Work with Abusing and Neglecting Families |
| SOWK 6142 | Social Work with Older Adults |
| SOWK 7222 | Assessment & Psychopathology |
| SOWK 7232 | Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with Families |
| SOWK 7387 | Special topics: Family Therapy Bootcamp |

Marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

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| HDFS 8050 | Mechanisms of Change in MFT |
| HDFS 8060 | Contemporary Models of Treatment Across the Lifespan |
| HDFS 8070 | Sex Therapy and Couples Therapy |
| HDFS 8130 | Behavioral Medicine and Family Therapy |
| ECHD 8000 | Feminist Therapy |
| ECHD 8040 | Introduction to Play Therapy |
| ECHD 8045 | Advanced Play Therapy |
| ECHD 8150 | Child and Family Counseling |
| SOWK 7203 | Advanced Clinical Practice with Individuals |
| SOWK 7223 | Social Work Treatment with Groups |

Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

Students will register for practicum in their own programs of graduate study. Most agencies require at least two consecutive semesters of time commitment for practicum. The certificate program requires at least a two-semester commitment. Students are encouraged to enroll in more than the minimum hours of practicum. An appropriate practicum must provide the student the opportunity to work with couples and family clients under faculty supervision. **Students whose practica allow opportunity for practice from a family systems perspective may earn the MFT certificate.** Students are urged to seek practicum sites that meet this requirement through her/his own department/school. The hours accrued during practicum will not count towards MFT licensure unless supervised by an AAMFT approved supervisor. Generally, certificate students who would like MFT licensure will need to complete supervised hours post-graduation.

Note: Please be sure to check State of Georgia requirements for MFT Licensure for those interested in seeking licensure as a MFT via the certificate program (Chapter 135-5-.06). This information is available at:

http://rules.sos.state.ga.us/pages/GEORGIA_COMPOSITE_BOARD_OF_PROFESSIONAL_COUNSELORS_SOCIAL_WORKERS_AND_MARRIAGE_AND_FAMILY_THERAPISTS/index.html

Practicum course numbers:

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| HDFS 9070 | Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy (PRQ: POD) |
| ECHD 7700 | Individual Counseling Practicum (PRQ: ECHD 7040 & POD) |
| ECHD 7850 | Internship in School Counseling (PRQ: ECHD 7700 or POD) |
| ECHD 7860 | Internship in Community Counseling (PRQ: ECHD 7700 or POD) |
| ECHD 9760 | Advanced Counseling Psychology Practicum |
| SOWK 7055 | Social Work Concentration Practicum (PRQ: SOWK 6055) |

Faculty

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* Executive Committee (Unit Coordinators)

** CMFT Program Coordinator (also Unit Coordinator)

Application Procedures

1. Apply and obtain permission to a graduate degree program at the University of Georgia.
2. Discuss your interest in the interdisciplinary program in Marriage and Family Therapy with your regular academic advisor.
3. Set your appointment with the CMFT Program Unit Coordinator in your department/school to discuss your interests.
4. Identify an appropriate practicum site and discuss the opportunities for placement with your advisor, the Unit Coordinator, and the director of the practicum facility. It is imperative that opportunities exist for you to work with couples and families in your practicum under the supervision of someone trained in Marriage and Family Therapy if you eventually plan to obtain licensure as a marriage and family therapist. A facility which typically has a caseload of only individuals seeking therapeutic assistance would not provide you the opportunity to receive supervised experience credit hours of practicum required for licensure in MFT. It is important to note that most approved practicum sites require evidence of sufficient therapeutic competency to warrant assignment of a couple or family.
5. In consultation with your advisor and/or the Unit Coordinator plan your curriculum to meet the program requirements and complete the application form and program of study accordingly. Submit the application checklist, application form, and program of study to:

Dr. Jerry Gale, CMFT Program Coordinator
107 Family Science Center (House A)
403 Sanford Dr.
Athens, GA 30602
(706) 542-8435
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6. Application to the program should take place relatively early in your degree program to ensure appropriate curriculum planning.

Marriage and Family Therapy Certification Program Application

CHECKLIST

Student Name _____ Date _____

Return this form with the Application Information Form and your completed Program of Study at the time of initial application.

- _____ Admission to Graduate School
- _____ Enrolled for graduate degree in appropriate department
- _____ Application form completed
- _____ Program of study includes all course names and numbers
- _____ No courses included were taken over 5 years ago.
- _____ All courses taken/to be taken at The University of Georgia unless approved by CMFT Executive Committee
- _____ Three hours outside the student's own department or school (excluding ECDH/SOWK/HDFS 6010 – Issues in Marriage & Family Therapy included)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

All students who wish to earn the Pre-Professional Graduate Certification in Marriage and Family Therapy must complete this supplemental application and be admitted to the certificate program. Please note that each student must also be admitted to a department by the Graduate School. General applications for admissions are available from the Office of Graduate Admissions.

PLEASE COMPLETE

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Email: _____

Department: _____ College/School: _____

I have been admitted to the University of Georgia Graduate School as:

A prospective candidate for the _____ degree in _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF STUDY*

List the courses you have taken or intend to take that will satisfy the requirements for the Pre-Professional Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family therapy. Submit to the CMFT Program Coordinator along with the application checklist and the application information form.

| <u>Course Number</u> | <u>Semester Hours</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Year Planned</u> |
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Professional Studies (3 hours)

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Couple and Family Studies (6 hours)

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Marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

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Indicate with an * the two courses to be taken outside your school/department.

Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

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Practicum site must include clinical work with couples and families.** List planned site or TBD.

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| PRINT Major Professor or Advisor SIGN | |

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| | Date _____ |
| Unit Coordinator, CMFT Program | |

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| | Date _____ |
| Dr. Jerry Gale, Coordinator, CMFT Program | |

*Some courses will not be offered in any given academic year, in which case another approved course will need to be substituted.

**The hours accrued during practicum will not count towards MFT Licensure unless supervised by an AAMFT approved supervisor.