

MASTER OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Overview

The Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy program is designed for persons who would like to work as a licensed marriage and family therapist in a variety of settings. Completion of this degree program also prepares students for doctoral studies in this field.

Necessary for the completion of the program are:

- Participation in required formation assessments and activities
- Satisfactory completion of the practicum readiness process
- A 380 clinical hour (300 client hours and 80 supervision hours), nine to twelve-month practicum during the final academic year
- Completion of a senior integrative project

In addition to maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher (*C* average), Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy students are required to hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (*B* average) in their required marriage and family courses to graduate.

Coursework meets the academic requirements for licensure as a marriage and family therapist in the state of Minnesota. To obtain independent licensure, graduates will need to obtain additional supervised clinical experience and pass both the National Exam and a state exam.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general seminary admission process (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/bethel-seminary/admission/admission-process/>), a student applying for this program will need:

- At least 9 semester hours in the behavioral health sciences
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0
- A 1,500-2,000 word paper discussing personal family of origin experiences
- Submit three references:
 - One supervisor reference
 - One pastoral reference
 - One personal reference

A group interview will also occur by invitation only.

Degree Requirements

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Code	Title	Credits
Seminary Core Requirements		
BT 510	Biblical Hermeneutics	4
SP 540	Spiritual and Personal Formation	4
TS 525	Survey in Systematic Theology for MFT and MACYFM	4
Degree Specific Requirements		
MF 611	Foundations of Marriage and Family Studies	3
MF 612	Families in Context: Gender, Class and Culture	3
MF 613	Dynamics of Family Interaction: Sexuality, Spirituality and Socialization	3
MF 621	Individual Development Within the Family	3
MF 622	Individual and Family Psychopathology I	3
MF 623	Individual and Family Psychopathology II	3
MF 624	Challenges over the Family Life Cycle	3
MF 631	Professional and Ethical Issues in Marriage & Family Therapy	3
MF 640	Clinical Skills in Marriage and Family Therapy	3
MF 641	Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy	3
MF 642	Couple and Family Assessment	3
MF 643	Advanced Clinical Issues	3
MF 651	Research Design & Evaluation in Marriage & Family Therapy	3
MF 711	Supervised Clinical Experience I	3
MF 712	Supervised Clinical Experience II	3
Other Requirements		
GS 006	Graduate Research Seminar: MFT Degree	0
MF 780	Senior Integrative Seminar: Worldview, Ethics, and Practice	3
SP 004	Formation Assessments: MFT Degree	0
Total Credits		60

A minimum of 60 semester credits is required for graduation from the M.A.M.F.T. program. The student is responsible for meeting all graduation deadlines and requirements.