

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 (<http://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; one course in basic counseling skills that includes an experiential, recorded role-play component with feedback from the instructor
- 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	Hermeneutics	3
NT 508	Introduction to the New Testament: Scripture and Story	1.5
OT 508	Introduction to the Old Testament: Scripture and Story	1.5
TS 512	Systematic Theology I: God the Creator	3
TS 513	Systematic Theology II: God the Redeemer	3
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 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
SP 556	Spiritual and Personal Formation: Foundations and Traditions I	0.5
SP 557	Spiritual and Personal Formation: Foundations and Traditions II	0.5
SP 656	Spiritual and Personal Formation: Self in Community I	0.5
SP 657	Spiritual and Personal Formation: Self in Community II	0.5
SP 756	Spiritual and Personal Formation: Moral and Clinical Integration I	0.5
SP 757	Spiritual and Personal Formation: Moral and Clinical Integration II	0.5
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.

ADST 445 Counseling Microskills or PSYC 410H Principles of Counseling and Psychotherapy or an equivalent is a required prerequisite for students entering the program without an undergraduate/graduate degree in counseling or a related discipline or without an introductory psychotherapy theory and technique course.

