HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY (M.S.)
https://chhs.unh.edu/human-development-family-studies/program/ms/human-development-family-studies-marriage-family-therapy

Description
The Marriage and Family Therapy Program prepares students to work in mental health, family service, medical, and human service settings. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (http://coamfte.org/iMIS15/coamfte) and meets the academic requirements for clinical membership in the AAMFT. The Program generally takes two years and two summers and requires five hundred (500) hours of clinical practice in order to graduate. Additional hours of clinical practice under supervision are required after graduation to meet state licensure standards and qualify for clinical membership in AAMFT (http://www.aamft.org). (http://www.aamft.org)

The Marriage and Family Therapy Program contributes to the well-being of individuals and families through knowledge, teaching leadership and professional practice. The program is fully accredited by COAMFTE and meets the academic regulations for clinical membership in the American Association for MFT (http://aamft.org). Through connecting research, practice and policy our faculty conducts significant research on a range of issues facing individuals, couples and families in today's society.

Clinical training offered within the MFT Program emphasizes treating individuals, couples, and families in relationship to larger systems that influence them. Supervised practica are continuous throughout the program. MFT program graduates learn to function as competent and ethical marriage and family therapy professionals and have a solid knowledge base of marriage and family therapy theory and research as well as clinical practice principles. The MFT Program successfully prepares graduates for employment as marriage and family therapists in community agencies and private practice.

Part-time MFT students will be admitted for the fall semester only. Part-time admission to the MFT is available on a case-by-case basis until May 15th to begin matriculation in the fall semester. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Barbara Frankel, Graduate Coordinator, for information. An interview may be required. Part-time MFT students are not accepted for the spring semester.

All students are expected to:
• Satisfactorily complete an established array of courses
• Accrue 500 hours of client contact through teaming, the Marriage and Family Therapy Center, and (for the majority of students) through an external internship
• Satisfactorily complete an integrative paper and presentation

What makes our program special?
• Competitive Stipends, Travel Stipends, and Scholarship opportunities
• Award-winning mentorship from nationally-recognized faculty
• Collegial and supportive culture
• On-campus clinical facilities

• Access to UNH's Events and Professional Development (https://gradschool.unh.edu/graduate-student-resources/events-professional-development)
• Opportunities to conduct research, publish and present at conferences
• 97% of students who have enrolled in the UNH Marriage and Family Therapy Program have graduated
• 100% of graduates who have taken the national exam have passed
• Exceptional placement rate post-graduation

All applications for admission must be submitted electronically using the Graduate School Website (https://gradschool.unh.edu/admissions/apply). For application information please visit the MFT website (https://chhs.unh.edu/human-development-family-studies/academics/how-apply-human-development-family-studies-programs).

Requirements
M.S. Degree Requirements: Marriage and Family Therapy Program
Program requirements include

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Successful completion and presentation of an integrative paper and video representing student’s theory of change.

Grade Policy
A graduate student who fails a course must immediately attend a mandatory meeting with the instructor of the course, the Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Coordinator, and, if desired, the student’s adviser. If a graduate student receives grades below “B-” in two or more courses, the Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Coordinator will make a recommendation to the Graduate School that the student be dismissed from the Human Development and Family Studies Graduate program.