

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY (M.S.)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/hdfs/marriage-and-family-therapy-ms>

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](http://www.aamft.org) in AAMFT (<http://www.aamft.org>). (<http://www.aamft.org>)

1. satisfactorily complete an established array of courses
2. accrue 500 hours of client contact through teaming, the Marriage and Family Therapy Center, and (for the majority of students) through an external internship
3. satisfactorily complete an integrative paper and presentation

Clinical training emphasizes treating individuals, couples, and families in relationship to larger systems that influence them. Supervised practica continue throughout the program.

MFT program graduates 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.

Requirements

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

Program requirements include

Code	Title	Credits
Successful completion of a 12-credit core curriculum		
HDFS 991	Professional Issues for Family Specialists	4
HDFS 993	Theoretical Approaches to Human Development and Family Studies	4
HDFS 994	Research Seminar	4
Successful completion of approved coursework (35-36 credits)		
HDFS 841	Marital and Family Therapy	4
HDFS 930	Child Development in Context	4
HDFS 942	Advanced Systems of Marital and Family Therapy	4
HDFS 945	Family Therapy Practice I	4
HDFS 946	Critical Problems in Family Life	4

HDFS 947	Family Therapy Practice II	4
HDFS 952	Clinical Interventions in Couples Therapy	4
HDFS 954	Sex Therapy	4
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Successful completion of 24 practicum credits (500 hours)

HDFS 898	Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum	1 - 8
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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.

M.S. Degree: MFT Program Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HDFS 897	Special Topics	1-4
HDFS 930	Child Development in Context	4
HDFS 841	Marital and Family Therapy	4
HDFS 942	Advanced Systems of Marital and Family Therapy	4
HDFS 945	Family Therapy Practice I	4
HDFS 946	Critical Problems in Family Life	4
HDFS 947	Family Therapy Practice II	4
HDFS 952	Clinical Interventions in Couples Therapy	4
HDFS 954	Sex Therapy	4
HDFS 991	Professional Issues for Family Specialists	4
HDFS 993	Theoretical Approaches to Human Development and Family Studies	4
HDFS 994	Research Seminar	4
HDFS 898	Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum	1 - 8