

MS MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY



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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- A grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better in the most recent 60 semester units of upper division course work undertaken as a student
- Completion of the Graduate Record Examination General Aptitude (GRE) Test; an average GPA of 3.5 or attainment of a previous master's degree waives this requirement
- Applicants are required to apply to the University (Cal State Apply)
- Written statement and writing sample
- Three letters of recommendation
- Interview with the admission committee

To apply, visit calstate.edu/apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall - **February 1** | Spring - **October 1**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Department of Marital and Family Therapy aligns with the educational and clinical COAMFTE Standards. It offers a qualifying Master of Science (M.S.) degree program evaluated by the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) required to pursue a license as a marriage and family therapist in the state of California. The department permits enrollment in courses solely to students admitted to the M.S. in Marital and Family Therapy program.

This 2.5 to 3-year degree program consists of comprehensive educational experiences in the study of theories and techniques of marriage and family therapy (MFT), along with 300 client contact hours of applied, supervised clinical practicum that involves the 3,000 supervised hours of experience required to be eligible for the MFT licensure.

FEATURES

The M.S. in Marital and Family Therapy at CSU Dominguez Hills is one of few publicly supported programs in Southern California offering an evening course of study to accommodate those who work during the day. The cohort structured 63-unit program allows for students to attend full-time to complete the program requirements in three years. Options for a part-time or accelerated plan of study is available with advisement and approval from the department's program director and chair.

PREPARATION

Prerequisites in Research Methods (PSY 235), Theories of Personality (PSY 360), and Abnormal Psychology (PSY 363) or course equivalents are required to qualify for admission to the Marital and Family Therapy program. Status of admission is contingent upon the successful completion of all the necessary prerequisite coursework or equivalent course(s).

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Marriage and Family Therapists, employment outlook continues to grow 22% faster than the average for all occupations. A marriage and family therapist can gain employment in the public and private sectors. Career possibilities include and are not limited to the following settings: Outpatient care centers, inpatient care facilities and hospitals, Employee Assistance Programs, schools, social services agencies, substance abuse agencies, and private practice.

See the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for additional details:

www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/marriage-and-family-therapists.htm