

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY-MA (MAFT)

MAFT 601. Enduring Systemic Questions. (1 Credit)

This course introduces Marriage & Family Therapy students to practices of integrative thinking by engaging challenging, theologically significant enduring questions in a seminar-style course organized around systems thinking and Christianity. The components of each seminar will emphasize integrative intellectual practice and model the integration of faith and learning in preparing clinicians who serve various communities and the global church.

MAFT 618. Family Therapy Research & Implications for Evidence-Based Practice. (3 Credits)

An overview of research methodology, data analysis, and the evaluation of research in couple and family therapy and how research informs MFT common factors and evidence-based practice.

MAFT 624. MFT Ethics & Professional Practice. (3 Credits)

An overview of ethical issues related to the profession and practice of MFT including the AAMFT Code of Ethics, professional identity, professional organizations, and licensure.

MAFT 631. Individual & Family Life Cycle Development. (3 Credits)

The study of individual and family development across the lifespan, exploring continuity and change within the developing individual and family.

MAFT 633. Couple Therapy: Systemic Assessment and Intervention. (3 Credits)

An overview of theoretical models and skills necessary for effective treatment of couple relationship and sexual functioning.

MAFT 634. Marriage & Family Therapy I: Theoretical Foundations. (3 Credits)

An introduction to historical development, theoretical and empirical foundations of systems theory including a survey of the major models of marriage, couple, and family therapy and an overview of contemporary conceptual directions.

MAFT 635. Marriage & Family Therapy II: Systemic Assessment & Intervention. (3 Credits)

An application of relational/systems theory to a variety of presenting clinical problems including but not limited to physical health and illness, major mental health issues, traditional psychodiagnostic categories, and relational problems.

MAFT 637. Families in Context: Culture, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity & religion. (3 Credits)

An overview of the impact of diversity, power, and privilege as they related to culture, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and religion in families and their influence on couple and family treatment.

MAFT 642. Psychopathology & the Family. (3 Credits)

The study of the etiology and maintenance of the major mental disorders and the role of the family and community in assessment and intervention. The DSM-IV-TR classification system and the biological bases of behavior are given special attention.

MAFT 643. Trauma and Addiction: Systemic Assessment and Intervention. (3 Credits)

This is an advanced marriage and family therapy course focused on the assessment and treatment of individuals, couples, and families who have experienced trauma and/or addiction. Special consideration will also be given to how grief, loss, and shame moderate families' experiences of trauma and addiction.

MAFT 645. Systemic Interventions with Children and Adolescents. (3 Credits)

An examination of systemic models of conceptualizing child and adolescent problems and an introduction to systemic treatment modalities for working with children, adolescents and their families.

MAFT 655. Systemic Interventions with Special Populations. (3 Credits)

Abusive families, families with addictions, domestic violence, and under-resourced families. An advanced skills course providing theory and techniques for treatment of special populations in marriage and family therapy.

MAFT 656. Integration seminar: MFT and Christian faith/practice. (3 Credits)

An advanced seminar examining historical and contemporary issues in the integration of Christian faith, systemic epistemology, and the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy.

MAFT 657. MFT - Clinical Development - Improv. (1 Credit)

This course provides an overview and experiential techniques from improvisational theater to develop and enhance relational and Marriage & Family Therapy skills. The foci of this course includes an overview of improvisational theory/skills including: developing trust (joining), co-creating stories, dealing with heightened emotions, participating and navigating conflict, and establishing relational resolution. This course provides conceptualization and practice of improvisational skills for a practitioner-scholar of relational/systemic study and clinical skills impact in relationships.

MAFT 658. Business of Mar. & Fam. Thrpy. (1 Credit)

This course covers the business domains of clinical practice as a marriage and family therapist (MFT). The objective of this course is to equip student MFT's with information on how to establish, build and run a clinical practice. The topics to be covered include licensure, setting up a physical space, record keeping, marketing, financial management, and insurance issues. These topics will be addressed along with conversations regarding for-profit, not-for-profit, and ministry possibilities in the US and globally. Diversity concerns and cultural implications will also be integrated into class discussions. Prerequisites: MAFT 634 and MAFT 635.

MAFT 659. Human Sexuality. (1 Credit)

This course covers physiobiological, socioemotional, and spiritual aspects of human sexuality. The foci of this course include an overview of male and female sexual anatomy and physiology, sexual dysfunctions and difficulties, issues related to sexual identities and gender dysphoria, and the ways in which individuals sexual issues impact their intimate relationships. These topics will be addressed alongside conversations regarding theological perspectives on human sexuality, as well as Christian Marriage and family therapists' (MFT's) approaches to them. Diversity concerns and cultural implications will also be integrated into class discussions. Prerequisites: MAFT 634 and MAFT 635.

MAFT 661. Personal and Professional Development Group (PPDG) I. (0 Credits)

A small group class focusing on development of MFT identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 662. Personal and Professional Development Group (PPDG) II. (0 Credits)

A small group class focusing on development of MFT identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 663. Personal and Professional Development Group (PPDG) III. (0 Credits)

A small group class focusing on development of MFT identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 664. Personal and Professional Development Group (PPDG) IV. (0 Credits)

A small group class focusing on development of MFT identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 671. Personal and Professional Development Group I. (1 Credit)

A small group class focusing on development of Marriage and Family Therapy identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 672. Personal and Professional Development Group II. (1 Credit)

A small group class focusing on development of Marriage & Family Therapy identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 673. Personal and Professional Development Group III. (1 Credit)

A small group class focusing on development of Marriage & Family Therapy identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 674. Personal and Professional Development Group IV. (1 Credit)

A small group class focusing on development of Marriage & Family Therapy identity, person of the therapist issues, group dynamics, and spiritual formation.

MAFT 681. Clinical Pre-Practicum I. (2 Credits)

First year clinical practicum focusing on observation of clinical work and development of beginning Marriage & Family Therapy skills. Graded pass/fail.

MAFT 682. Clinical Pre-Practicum II. (2 Credits)

First year clinical practicum focusing on observation of clinical work and development of beginning Marriage & Family Therapy skills. Graded pass/fail.

MAFT 683. Summer Clinical Practicum I. (0 Credits)

Summer clinical practicum focusing on observation of clinical work and development of beginning MFT skills. Prerequisites: MAFT 681 and MAFT 682.

MAFT 684. Clinical Practicum I. (3 Credits)

Second year clinical practicum in which students secure outside placements and provide couple and family therapy under supervision by professionals on site. In addition, students received another hour supervision per week on campus by faculty AAMFT Approved Supervisors. Graded pass/fail (2 each semester)

MAFT 685. Clinical Practicum II. (3 Credits)

Second year clinical practicum in which students secure outside placements and provide couple and family therapy under supervision by professionals on site. In addition, students received another hour supervision per week on campus by faculty AAMFT Approved Supervisors. Graded pass/fail (2 each semester)

MAFT 686. Summer Clinical Practicum II. (0 Credits)

This course focuses on observation of clinical work and development of beginning MFT skills. Prerequisite: MAFT 681, MAFT 682, MAFT 684 and MAFT 685. Graded pass/fail.

MAFT 691. Advanced Clinical Practicum. (0 to 3 Credits)

This course is an advanced marriage and family therapy practicum. It is designed to provide supervision and counseling experience for the development of clinical skills in working with couples and families. Prerequisites: MAFT 696, 697, 698 and 699. Graded pass/fail. Repeatable. (0-3 each semester)

MAFT 696. Clinical Pre-Practicum I. (1 Credit)

First year clinical practicum focusing on observation of clinical work and development of beginning MFT skills. Graded pass/fail.

MAFT 697. Clinical Pre-Practicum II. (1 Credit)

First year clinical practicum focusing on observation of clinical work and development of beginning MFT skills. Graded pass/fail.

MAFT 698. Clinical Practicum I. (2 Credits)

Second year clinical practicum in which students secure outside placements and provide couple and family therapy under supervision by professionals on site. In addition, students received another hour supervision per week on campus by faculty AAMFT Approved Supervisors. Graded pass/fail (2 each semester)

MAFT 699. Clinical Practicum II. (2 Credits)

Second year clinical practicum in which students secure outside placements and provide couple and family therapy under supervision by professionals on site. In addition, students received another hour supervision per week on campus by faculty AAMFT Approved Supervisors. Graded pass/fail (2 each semester)