Admission Requirements
• Graduate School Application
• Official transcripts from institutions attended
• Three letters of recommendation.
• School of Counseling Application Supplement Form.
• Interview will be required for applicants who meet admission criteria.

Admissions to the master's program in Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy will be twice a year (application deadline of March 1 for summer and fall semesters and October 1 for spring semester).

Program Requirements
This course of study leads to licensure as a Marriage and Family Counselor/Therapist and to employment in mental health agencies, medical settings, and private practice. Any changes in the agreed upon program must be approved by the student's advisor.

The Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

Area I: Theoretical Foundations - 6 credits
• 5600:655 Marriage & Family Therapy: Theory & Techniques (3 credits)
• 5600:669 Systems Theory in Family Therapy (3 credits)

Area II: Clinical Practice - 16 credits
• 5600:667 Marital Therapy (prerequisites: 5600:655 Marriage & Family Therapy: Theory & Techniques and 5600:669 Systems Theory in Family Therapy) (3 credits)
• 5600:646 Multicultural Counseling (3 credits)
• 5600:651 Techniques of Counseling (register for MFC/T section) (3 credits)
• 5600:653 Group Counseling (4 credits)
• 5600:664 DSM (3 credits)

Area III: Individual Development and Family Relations - 9 credits
• 5600:648 Individual & Family Development Across the Life-Span (3 credits)
• 5600:620 Issues in Sexuality for Counselors (3 credits)
• 5600:662 Personality and Abnormal Behavior (3 credits)

Area IV: Professional Identity and Ethics - 3 credits
• 5600:623 Marriage & Family Counseling/Therapy Ethics & Professional Identity (take first semester) (3 credits)

Area V: Research - 6 credits
• 5100:640 Using Research to Inform Practice (Educational Foundations) (3 credits)
• 5600:656 Assessment Methods & Treatment Issues in Marriage & Family Therapy (3 credits)

Area VI: Additional CACREP Core Counseling Courses - 10 credits
• 5600:643 Counseling: Theory & Philosophy (3 credits)
• 5600:645 Tests & Appraisal in Counseling (4 credits)
• 5600:647 Career Development & Counseling Across the Life-Span (3 credits)

Clinical Experience Requirements - 13 credits
• 5600:695 Field Experience: Masters (2 credits)
  • (Pre-practicum one hour taken each semester, the two semesters immediately before 5600:675 Practicum in Counseling)
• 5600:675 Practicum in Counseling (register for MFC/T section) (5 credits)
  • (Background check required)
• 5600:685 Master’s Internship (6 credits)
  • (Minimum of two semesters immediately following 5600:675 Practicum in Counseling, register for MFC/T section)

Students must sign up for Practicum at least one year in advance as space is limited. Sign up with the School of Counseling.

A minimum of 500 direct client contact hours must be completed to graduate from the program. Students will not be permitted to enroll in these clinical experiences until they have met acceptable competency ratings in Areas I-V.

A maximum of six credits of workshop can be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Students must receive a pass grade on the Master’s Comprehensive Examination

Minimum Credit Hours Required for Degree: 63