

## **Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family, and Child Therapy (MSC/MFCT) Student Learning Outcomes**

- Students will demonstrate knowledge, skills and dispositions key to success in professional counseling, advocacy, and ethical practice.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge, skills and dispositions in social and cultural diversity that provide an understanding of societal changes and trends; human roles; societal subgroups; social mores and interaction patterns; and differing lifestyles.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of human growth and development to include wellness, the importance of mindbody interactions and their effect on physical and psychological well-being; the nature and needs of individuals at all developmental levels; normal and abnormal human behavior; personality theory; and learning theory within cultural contexts.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of career development theories; occupational and educational information sources and systems; career and leisure counseling, guidance, and education; lifestyle and career decision-making; and career development program planning, resources, and evaluation.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of counseling and helping relationships to include philosophic bases of helping processes; counseling theories and their applications; helping skills; consultation theories and their applications; helper self-understanding and self-development; facilitation of client or consultee change; and techniques for prevention and intervention.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of group counseling and group work to include group development, dynamics, and counseling theories; group leadership styles; group counseling methods and skills, and other group approaches.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of assessment and testing to include group and individual education and psychometric theories and approaches to appraisal; data and information gathering methods; validity and reliability; psychometric statistics; factors influencing appraisals, and use of appraisal results in helping processes.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of counseling research and program evaluation to include types of research; basic statistics; research-report development; research implementation; program evaluation; needs assessment; and ethical and legal considerations.
- Students will demonstrate effective communication in the classroom and workplace.
- The student will be able to apply historical, philosophical, and theoretical foundations of marriage, family, and child counseling in all aspects of professional practice.
- The student will be able to apply culturally responsive marriage, family, and child counseling, prevention, and intervention in all aspects of professional practice.