

Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy



Approx. program length:

3 years, 2 months

Credits:

60

Cost per credit:

\$698

Tuition Guarantee

Format:

Campus

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Be the professional others turn to for guidance and support with our Master of Science in Counseling with a specialization in Marriage, Family and Child Therapy. You'll be equipped with the skills to assess family dynamics, offer comforting insights to children in need or help couples to communicate better.

You'll learn how to:

- Understand clients' needs and offer meaningful direction
- Adapt to a variety of clients and settings
- Develop cultural competency and sensitivity
- Integrate legal and ethical considerations into your practice

Projected job growth:

22%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy?

A MSC/MFCT can prepare you to be a:

- Marriage and family therapist (MFT)
- Family therapist
- Clinical therapist
- Counselor

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for marriage and family therapists is projected to be much faster than average than average between 2018 and 2028.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

60

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 60 credits to complete this Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

23 Core Courses

The Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy includes 23 core courses in topics such as psychometrics, individual counseling, clinical assessment, and dependency and addiction.

- CNSL/502: GRADUATE PORTFOLIO I
- CCMH/510: MULTI-CULTURAL ISSUES IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
- CCMH/504: INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN
- CCMH/506: PERSONALITY THEORIES AND COUNSELING MODELS
- MFCC/551CA: LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
- CCMH/551: INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
- CCMH/525: RESEARCH METHODS FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS
- CCMH/535: PSYCHOMETRICS
- CCMH/544: INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL ASSESSMENT
- CCMH/548: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: ADVANCED CLINICAL ASSESSMENT
- CNSL/556: PORTFOLIO II
- MFCC/556: FAMILY SYSTEMS THEORY
- MFCC/561: FAMILY INTERVENTIONS
- CCMH/568: GROUP COUNSELING
- CCMH/521: PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY/BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF BEHAVIOR
- CCMH/561: DEPENDENCY AND ADDICTIONS
- MFCC/5910: ORIENTATION TO PRACTICUM IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING
- MFCC/537: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT COUNSELING
- CCMH/540: CAREER AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELING
- MFCC/567: SEMINAR IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING
- MFCC/592: PRACTICUM
- MFCC/597A: INTERNSHIP A
- MFCC/597B: INTERNSHIP B

23 Core courses

What you'll learn

When you earn your Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Download learning outcomes

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Family interventions
- Family systems theory
- Child and adolescent counseling
- Individual and family development across life span
- Group counseling

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your courses for a Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy. Please note that on campus students are required to physically attend class one day a week, typically from 6-10 pm.

Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy degree program meets the California Licensed Marriage Family and Child Therapy (LMFT) and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) educational requirements for registration with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) as an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT) and an Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC). Upon successful completion of all educational requirements and required postgraduate supervised clinical hours, graduates are eligible to sit for the LMFT and LPCC licensure exams in California. [View additional requirements for licensure by state.](#)