

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



Approx. program length:

**37 months**

Credits:

**60**

Cost per credit:

**\$698**

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

**Online**

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

Learn how to work with diverse clients in various clinical environments, such as private practice, hospitals, schools, non-profit organizations, and public or private mental health agencies. Help clients achieve their goals through the application of skills to support individuals, children, families, couples, and groups. Courses in this program are aligned to California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) educational requirements.

### Top skills learned in this program:

- Professionalism
- Diversity
- Human Development
- Career Counseling
- Psychotherapy
- Group Dynamics
- Clinical Assessments
- Research
- Marriage and Family Therapy

Projected job growth:

**16%**

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

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

An MSC/MFCT can prepare you for:

- Counselor
- Clinical Therapist
- Family Therapist
- Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for marriage and family therapists (MFTs) is projected to be much faster than average between 2020 and 2030.

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

Program handbook:

[Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family Clinical Therapy Program Handbook \(Online\)](#)

Total credits required:

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**60**

## Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 60 credits to complete this Master of Science in Counseling degree.

## 22 Core courses

The Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family features 22 core courses to develop the confidence and skills needed in a clinical mental health environment.

- MFCC/504: Individual and Family Development Across the Life Span
- MFCC/506: Personality Theories and Counseling Models
- MFCC/553CA: Legal And Ethical Issues in Counseling
- MFCC/510CA: Multicultural Counseling
- MFCC/525: Research Methods in Counseling
- MFCC/538: Psychometrics
- MFCC/544: Introduction to Clinical Assessment
- MFCC/548: Psychopathology: Advanced Clinical Assessment
- MFCC/554: Individual Counseling
- MFCC/503: Graduate Portfolio II
- MFCC/557: Family Systems Theory and Intervention
- MFCC/564: Human Sexuality and Couples Counseling
- MFCC/568: Group Counseling
- MFCC/522: Psychopharmacology
- MFCC/563: Dependency and Addictions
- MFCC/541: Career and Vocational Counseling
- MFCC/537: Child and Adolescent Counseling
- MFCC/567: Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling
- MFCC/505: Graduate Portfolio III
- MFCC/592: Practicum
- MFCC/597A: Internship A
- MFCC/597B: Internship B

Admissions Course

To be admitted into the program students must successfully complete [MFCC/502](#), Graduate Portfolio I.

## Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for the Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family.

## What you'll learn

You'll learn how to:

- Develop a professional identity as an advocate and steward for the counseling profession.
- Integrate social and cultural diversity competencies into their practice as a mental health professional
- Integrate human growth and development theories and principles into their clinical practice.
- Integrate career development theories and principles into their clinical practices.
- Integrate counseling theories, models, and techniques into their clinical practices.
- Integrate group counseling theories and practices into their clinical practices.
- Execute assessment and testing processes and procedures to guide their clinical practice
- Evaluate research and programs to inform professional practice Integrate theories, principles, and methods of marital and family systems approaches into their clinical practice

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

## Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Science in Counseling/Marriage, Family and Child Therapy program prepares you for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in jurisdictions where it is offered. In order to practice as a counselor in most states, you must be licensed as a MFT (marriage and family therapist), LPC (licensed professional counselor), or other comparable state professional license designation. License requirements vary by state. Stay updated on the licensure requirements in any state in which you desire to practice. [Review state licensure requirements.](#)

## California

The Master of Science in Counseling/ Marriage, Family and Child Therapy degree program meets the California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (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. [Review state licensure requirements.](#)