

# M.S.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARRIAGE, COUPLE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

### Why a Counseling Degree from Stetson?

At Stetson, we believe counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health, wellness, as well as educational and career goals. We know our students are well equipped to be successful marriage, couple and family counselors in the field.

Stetson University is a small, private university that values your success. Our students do more than establish successful and meaningful careers. They go on to lead lives of significance, personally and professionally. Graduates move to mid and high-level positions within four to six years of graduation.

Our rigorous academic environment produces leaders with a world of opportunities open to them.

### The Program Design

The Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling program is designed to train individuals who aspire to be outstanding professional couple and family counselors and leaders employed in a variety of educational, agency, hospital, non-profit and independent practice settings. Graduates are prepared to provide counseling services to diverse populations from a systemic perspective.

The program incorporates standards within the profession of counseling, as embodied by the American Counseling Association and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. The Counselor Education Program Faculty members are active practitioners and researchers who identify with the counseling profession.

While promoting lifelong learning, a comprehensive training program that integrates a core counseling curriculum — coupled with clinical experience and supervised internships — is provided.

### Mission of the Counselor Education Program

The mission of the Department of Counselor Education is to educate counseling students — including those from diverse academic, geographic, religious/spiritual, ethnic and cultural backgrounds — preparing them to accept and demonstrate their professional

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### Fast Facts

Program Faculty: **5**

Is there an undergraduate version of this program? **No**

**98%** of the 2013 program graduating students completed the program in the expected time period.

**95%** of program graduates who sought employment in the counseling profession are currently employed as professional marriage and family counselors.

Graduate employment opportunities include:

- Local Community Agencies
- Halifax Behavioral Health
- Aspire Health Systems
- Florida Hospital DeLand
- La Amistad Behavioral Health
- agencies outside of Florida and abroad

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counseling responsibilities with distinction.

Students learn to behave ethically, become aware of their personal strengths and resiliency, and practice their professional counseling responsibilities effectively, in an effort to apply these skills and self-knowledge to a culturally diverse clientele.

### Outcomes

Upon graduation, students are eligible to register as a Florida marriage and family intern, take the licensure examination, and accrue the necessary hours under qualified supervision to become a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT). Students may also take the National Counselor Examination within six months of graduation to become a Nationally Certified Counselor.

The Marriage and Family Counseling Program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs ((CACREP). CACREP accreditation indicates that programs have a rigorous curriculum, and provide comprehensive fieldwork supervision.

Graduates of CACREP programs are able to apply to be a National Certified Counselor (NCC) while in the last semester of study; this can save the graduate two years of post-master's experience.

### Accomplished Faculty

**Judith A. Burnett**, Associate Professor

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### Curriculum and Courses

#### Sample Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling Track

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##### Fall Year 1

COUN 506 Human Growth and Development  
COUN 508 Family Systems

##### Spring Year 1

COUN 505 Theories of Counseling  
COUN 503 Human Relations Methods and Skills  
COUN 513 Multicultural Counseling

##### Summer Year 1

COUN 502 Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues  
COUN 507 Career Counseling  
COUN 515 Statistical Analysis and Research Design

##### Fall Year 2

COUN 501 Evaluation and Assessment  
COUN 504 Group Counseling  
COUN 521 Counseling Children and Adolescents

##### Spring Year 2

COUN 509 Individual, Marital, and Family Psychopathology/  
Psychotherapy  
COUN 514 Sexuality Counseling

##### Summer Year 2

COUN 517 Practicum  
COUN 510 Marriage and Relationship Counseling  
COUN 525 Advanced Individual, Couple, and Family Theory,  
Techniques, and Treatment Planning

##### Fall Year 3

COUN 511 Seminar in Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling  
COUN 516 Addictions Counseling  
COUN 517 Internship I

##### Spring Year 3

COUN 519 Internship II