

M.S.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
MARRIAGE, COUPLE AND
FAMILY COUNSELING

Enrich the lives and relationships of others with your counseling skills.

Help couples and families develop stronger, healthier relationships. Acquire knowledge in theories, methods and skills for helping others in our counselor education program.

Program Overview

Stetson University's CACREP-accredited Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling program will train you to work with individuals, couples and families in a variety of settings. You will also acquire skills to counsel those from diverse backgrounds with an unbiased perspective. Our professors are clinicians who will lend you invaluable insight, connections and advice to help further your career.

Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families and groups to accomplish mental health and wellness. We know our students are well equipped to be successful Marriage, Couple and Family counselors in the field.

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. 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 for Marriage and Family Therapy. The Counselor Education program faculty members are active practitioners and researchers who identify with the counseling profession.

Program Highlights

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 counseling responsibilities with distinction. Students learn to behave ethically, become aware of their personal strengths and resiliency,

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Career Significance

98% of the 2013 graduates completed the program in the expected time period.

95% of our program graduates who sought employment in the counseling profession are currently employed as professional 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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as well as their professional counseling responsibilities in an effort to apply these skills and self-knowledge to a culturally diverse clientele.

Faculty

Our leading faculty members are highly regarded among Stetson University students and graduates alike.

Judith A. Burnett, Ph. D., University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Leila F. Roach, Ph.D., University of Central Florida

Leight DeLorenzi, Ph.D., University of Central Florida

Page L. Thanasiu, Ph.D., University of Central Florida

E. Lameria McRae, Brown Visiting Teacher Scholar Fellow
Ph. D., University of Central Florida

CACREP Accreditation

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

Upon graduation, students are eligible to apply to the State of Florida as a Registered Marriage & Family Therapist intern, take the licensure examination and accrue the necessary hours under qualified supervision to become a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT).

The Department of Counselor Education also participates with the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) to offer students advanced in their studies, the opportunity to take the National Counselor Examination (NCE). Passing this exam and completing a few other requirements upon graduation allows the student to become a National Certified Counselor (NCC), saving the graduate two years of post-master's experience to earn this credential.