

STETSON UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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 Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling is unique because therapists receive training in both individual psychotherapy and family systems, which allows them to focus on understanding client symptoms in the context of their relational interactions. Marriage and Family Therapists work with diverse individuals, couples, and families from a relational perspective, and treat a wide range of clinical issues including, depression, anxiety, mood disorders, substance abuse, trauma and more. Research has shown that family-based interventions are highly effective and provide a powerful model for change. Marriage and Family therapists utilize a holistic perspective and are concerned about the overall, long-term well-being of individuals and their families.

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, as well as their professional counseling responsibilities in an effort to apply these skills and self-knowledge to a culturally diverse clientele.

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.

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MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARRIAGE, COUPLE AND FAMILY COUNSELING



CAREER SIGNIFICANCE

98% of the 2019 graduates completed the program in the expected time frame.

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
 - AdventHealth
 - Aspire Health Partners
 - Halifax Adult Behavioral Services
 - Halifax Child and Adolescent Services
 - Halifax Health Hospice
 - La Amistad Behavioral Health
 - Pace Center for Girls
 - Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare
- Agencies outside of Florida and abroad
- Private Practice



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FACULTY

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

Judith A. Burnett, MS, University of Massachusetts at Amherst,
PhD, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Jesse Fox, MA, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School,
PhD, University of Central Florida

E. Lamerial McRae, MA, University of Central Florida,
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PhD, University of Central Florida

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PhD, University of Central Florida

Jacqui Williams, MS, Stetson University,
PhD, Capella University

CURRICULUM/COURSES

Core Courses

- **COUN 501** Evaluation and Assessment
- **COUN 502** Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues
- **COUN 503** Human Relations Methods and Skills
- **COUN 504** Group Counseling
- **COUN 505** Theories of Counseling
- **COUN 506** Human Development
- **COUN 507** Career Counseling
- **COUN 508** Family Systems
- **COUN 509** Individual, Marital and Family Psychopathology and Psychotherapy
- **COUN 510** Marriage and Relationship Counseling
- **COUN 511** Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling Seminar
- **COUN 513** Multicultural Counseling and Psychosocial Therapy
- **COUN 514** Sexuality Counseling
- **COUN 515** Statistical Analysis and Research Design
- **COUN 516** Addictions Counseling
- **COUN 521** Counseling Children and Adolescents
- **COUN 525** Advanced Individual, Couple and Family Therapy, Techniques and Treatment Planning

Practicum and Internship

- **COUN 517** Practicum in Counselor Education
- **COUN 518** Internship I in Counseling
- **COUN 519** Internship II in Counseling

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.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Dual major option
- Strength based with an emphasis on wellness and resiliency
- Focus on strong clinical skills
- Systemically based curriculum
- Small class (12:1 student ratio) and experiential learning
- Opportunities for community engagement
- Social Justice and Advocacy opportunities
- Flexible scheduling options
- Classes in DeLand and South Orlando
- Relationships with professors and opportunities for research and presentations
- Certificate programs to develop your expertise
- Training opportunities in Prepare/Enrich and Gottman Level I and II