

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling



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.

Our Mission

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 — in order to prepare 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 includes 51 credits of core courses and 9 credits of practicum and internship for a total of 60 credit hours.

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 within the counseling profession.

FACULTY »

Our faculty are always willing to engage with prospective students who are interested in the program. You may request an appointment with a graduate faculty member and our Office of Graduate Admissions will help you confirm the appointment.

- Judith A. Burnett, PhD
- Jesse Fox, PhD
- Leila F. Roach, PhD
- Bethany Russell, PhD
- Breahannah Hilaire, PhD
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Enrich the lives and relationships of others as they journey through uncertain times in their lives. Marriage, Couple, and Family Counselors believe that significant relationships influence individual experience and directly and indirectly affect our well-being throughout life. Research and theory have shown that mental illness and family problems are best treated in the context of relationships so our students acquire knowledge and training in both individual and systemic relational approaches. Stetson University Marriage, Couple and Family Counselors are well equipped to be successful in the field with diverse individuals, couple and families.

COURSES »

Core Courses

- COUN 501 - Evaluation and Assessment - 3 Credits
- COUN 502 - Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues - 3 Credits
- COUN 503 - Human Relations Methods and Skills - 3 Credits
- COUN 504 - Group Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 505 - Theories of Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 506 - Human Development - 3 Credits
- COUN 507 - Career Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 508 - Family Systems - 3 Credits
- COUN 509 - Individual, Marital and Family Psychopathology and Psychotherapy - 3 Credits
- COUN 510 - Marriage and Relationship Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 511 - Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling Seminar - 3 Credits
- COUN 513 - Multicultural Counseling and Psychosocial Therapy - 3 Credits
- COUN 514 - Sexuality Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 515 - Statistical Analysis and Research Design - 3 Credits
- COUN 516 - Addictions Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 521 - Counseling Children and Adolescents - 3 Credits
- COUN 525 - Advanced Individual, Couple, and Family Therapy, Techniques and Treatment Planning - 3 Credits

Practicum and Internship

- COUN 517 - Practicum in Counselor Education - 3 Credits
- COUN 518 - Internship I in Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 519 - Internship II in Counseling - 3 Credits



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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 and 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.

95% of our program graduates who sought employment in the counseling profession are currently employed as professional counselors.



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