

**Pre-Professional
Graduate Certificate Program
in
Marriage and Family Therapy**

*College of Education
College of Family and Consumer Sciences
School of Social Work*



The University of Georgia

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

PRE-PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Pre-Professional Graduate Certificate Program in Marriage and Family Therapy is designed to provide an interdisciplinary program for graduate students interested in the applied profession of marriage and family therapy. Completion of the requirements for the certificate program will provide a strong basis preparing the student to undertake further supervised clinical training in marriage and family therapy. The certificate program is not intended to provide all the training necessary to function as an independent professional nor to meet all the requirements for (a) state licensure as a marriage and family therapist or (b) clinical membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. The Certificate Program attempts to meet the course requirements, but not the practicum requirements for licensure in Georgia. For a practicum to count towards licensure the student must accrue 500 client contact hours over 12 consecutive months with 250 or more of the hours being couples and/or family clients under the supervision of a licensed professional, who is either a State Board approved or AAMFT approved supervisor. Even though we have applied our best efforts to structure the program's curriculum to meet Georgia's state requirements, it is the student's responsibility to stay abreast of the requirements for licensure in Marriage and Family Therapy. The requirements are available on the Georgia Secretary of State's website: <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/counselors/>

The Certificate program involves three units of the University of Georgia: the College of Education, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the School of Social Work. Graduate courses that may be used to fulfill requirements for the certificate program are offered in several units of the University of Georgia including the Department of Child and Family Development, the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, the School of Social Work, and Department of Psychology, and Department of Educational Psychology.

Only graduate students in the previously mentioned or related programs at the University are eligible to apply for admission to the certificate program. To be admitted, the student must be admitted to a department at the University of Georgia at the graduate level. The student must complete a practicum at a site with appropriate supervision approved by the student's department. The graduate student and his/her advisor in the student's academic department plan the program of study to fulfill the requirements of the certificate program and submit an application to the Coordinator of the Faculty of Marriage and Family Therapy in his/her department. Courses in the certificate program may also apply to the degree program in the student's academic department, depending on departmental approval.

For Master's degree students, the certificate will be awarded upon completion of the certificate requirements and completion of the Master's degree program in which the student is enrolled. For students already holding a Master's degree, the certificate will be awarded at the end of the semester in which the certificate requirements are satisfied. For further information concerning the certificate program, contact:

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CURRICULUM

The certificate program requires a student to complete 21 hours of credit. These must include 15 hours of core courses and 6 hours of practicum. The core curriculum hours will be distributed as follows: 3 hours in Professional Studies; 6 hours in Marriage and Family Studies; and 6 hours in Marriage and Family Therapy. Any of these courses may also be in partial completion of requirements in the graduate degree program of the student's department/school. Practicum hours will be completed through registration in the practicum programs of the student's department or school. At least 6 hours of the core course hours must be taken outside of the student's department/school. This requirement is designed to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the field of marriage and family therapy and this certificate program. Students are encouraged to take more than the minimum 6 hours of course work outside of their own department. Please note: the professional studies course 6010 counts towards 3 of the 6 hours even if the course is taught in the student's own department. No more than 3 of the 15 hours may be taken in split graduate/undergraduate courses. A grade of "B" or better must be earned for a course to count toward completion of the certificate.

The course curriculum is as follows. Any graduate prerequisites are indicated in parentheses. These courses are subject to change. Check with certificate faculty to find out which courses are currently available.

CORE COURSES (15 hours) These courses are not necessarily offered every year.
Check *Oasis* to see course listing for a specific semester.

Professional Studies (3 hours)

ECHD

SOWK 6010/7010 Issues and Ethics in Marriage and Family Therapy

CHFD (Alternately offered by CFD, SW, and Counseling)

Marriage and Family Studies (6 hours)

CHFD 6100 Theories of Human Development (Fall semesters)

CHFD 6630 Theories of Family Development (Spring semesters)

CHFD 6640 Issues in Family Relationships (Fall semesters)

CHFD 8700 Philosophy of Science in Human Development (Fall semesters)

ECHD 9640 Systemic Intervention in Counseling Psychology I
(PRQ:ECHD 9630 & 9640 and POD)

ECHD 9650 Systemic Intervention in Counseling Psychology II
(PRQ:ECHD 9630 & 9640 and POD)

ECHD 6050 Special Problems in Counseling and Human Development
Services: Teaching and/or Counseling Children with Chronic
Illness or Chronic Medical Conditions

ECHD 8050 Counseling Children and Adolescents

ECHD 8045 Advanced Play Therapy

ECHD 8000 Working with Latino/a Students and Families

EPSY 7110 Characteristics of Gifted Children and Youth

EPSY 8020 Theories of Child Development

RLST 7380 Optimal Experience, Adaptation and Aging
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SOWK 6044 Theory and Practice with family and Groups
SOWK 6107 Crisis Intervention
SOWK 6132 Social Work with Abusing and Neglecting Families
SOWK 6142 Social Work with Older Adults
SOWK 7222 Assessment & Psychopathology
SOWK 7232 Family Dynamics

Marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

CHFD 6020 Introduction to Relational Therapies
CHFD 8040 Family psychopathology and assessment
CHFD 8050 Mechanisms of change in MFT (Fall semesters)
CHFD 8060 Contemporary Models of treatment across the lifespan (Spring semesters)
CHFD 8070 Sex therapy and couples therapy (Spring Semesters)
CHFD 8130 Behavioral Medicine and the Family (Summer)

CHFD 6020 Seminar in Child and Family Development: Introduction to Family Therapy

ECHD 8000 Feminist Therapy
ECHD 8040 Introduction to Play Therapy
ECHD 8045 Advanced Play Therapy
ECHD 8150 Child and Family Counseling

PSYC 8000 Advanced Topics in Psychology (Couples Therapy)
PSYC 8000 Advanced Topics in Psychology (Family Therapy)

SOWK 6044 Theory and Practice with Family and Groups
SOWK 7203 Family-Centered Assessment and Practice with Individuals
SOWK 7223 Social Work Treatment with Groups
SOWK 7243 Family Interventions

Other courses with sufficient Marriage and Family Studies content may be approved by the Unit Coordinator and the MFT Coordinator.

Practicum In Marriage And Family Therapy (6 hours)

Students will register for practicum in their own programs of graduate study. Most agencies require at least two consecutive semesters of time commitment for practicum. The certificate program requires at least a two-semester commitment. Students are encouraged to enroll in more than the minimum hours of practicum. An appropriate practicum must provide the student the opportunity to work with marriage and family clients under faculty supervision. To meet state Marriage and Family Therapy licensure requirements, students must be in a practicum in which at least 50% of their caseload must be with couples, families, and/or children and parents. Students are urged to seek practicum sites that meet this requirement. Students whose practica **clearly emphasize** a family systems perspective but whose workload does not meet the 50% state requirement may still earn the MFT certificate. An appropriate practicum may not be readily available to the student; it is the student's responsibility to arrange the practicum through her/his own department/school. Please note that this requirement only applies to licensure in MFT. Rules and regulations pertaining to licensure in social work (LCSW) and counseling (LPC) will differ according to the discipline.

Note: Please be sure to check State of Georgia requirements (Chapter 135-5-.06)

Practicum course numbers:

CHFD 9070	Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy (PRQ: POD)
ECHD 7700	Individual Counseling Practicum (PRQ: ECHD 7040 & POD)
ECHD 7850	Internship in School Counseling (PRQ: ECHD 7700 or POD)
ECHD 7860	Internship in Community Counseling (PRQ: ECHD 7700 or POD)
ECHD 9760	Advanced Counseling Psychology Practicum
SOWK 7055	Social Work Concentration Practicum (PRQ: SOWK 6055)

Faculty

College of Education

Georgia B. Calhoun, Ph.D.
Brian A. Glaser, Ph.D.*
Jolie Daigle, Ph.D.

College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Maria Burmudéz, Ph.D.
Stephanie Burwell, Ph.D.
Jerry Gale, Ph.D. **
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School of Social Work

Brian Bride, Ph.D.
Ed Risler, Ph.D.
Nancy R. Williams, Ph.D.*
Betsy Vonk, Ph.D.

Emeritus Faculty

Jerold Bozarth, Ph.D.
George Gazda, Ed.D.
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Allie C. Kilpatrick, Ph.D.
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Sharon Price, Ph.D.
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Adjunct Clinical Faculty

Tom Camp, M.Div., MS Samaritan Counseling Center, Athens
Mary Erlanger, Ph.D., Private Practice, Athens
Teddy Kemp, M.S.W., Family Counseling Services, Athens
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Ron Weeks, M.S.W., The Family Project, Inc., Gainesville

* Executive Committee (Unit Coordinators)

** CMFT Program Coordinator (also Unit Coordinator)

Application Procedures

1. Apply and obtain permission to a graduate degree program at the University of Georgia.
2. Discuss your interest in the interdisciplinary program in Marriage and Family Therapy with your regular academic advisor.
3. Set your appointment with the CMFT Program Unit Coordinator in your department/school to discuss your interests.
4. Identify an appropriate practicum site and discuss the opportunities for placement with your advisor, the Unit Coordinator, and the director of the practicum facility. It is imperative that opportunities exist for you to work with couples and families in your practicum under the supervision of a someone trained in Marriage and Family Therapy if you eventually plan to obtain licensure as a marriage and family therapist . A facility which typically has a caseload of only individuals seeking therapeutic assistance would not provide you the opportunity to receive supervised experience credit hours of practicum required for licensure in MFT. It is important to note that the most approved practicum sites require evidence of sufficient therapeutic competency to warrant assignment of a couple or family.
5. In consultation with your advisor and/or the Unit Coordinator plan your curriculum to meet the program requirements and complete the application form and program of study accordingly. Upon approval by your unit coordinator, submit the application checklist, application form, and program of study to:

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6. Application to the program should take place relatively early in your degree program to ensure appropriate curriculum planning.

Marriage and Family Therapy Certification Program Application

CHECKLIST

(Please attach with your application)

Student Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Return this form with the Application Information Form and your completed Program of Study at the time of initial application.

- _____ Admission to Graduate School
- _____ Enrolled for graduate degree in appropriate department
- _____ Application form completed
- _____ Program of study includes all course names and numbers
- _____ No courses included were taken over 5 years ago.
- _____ All courses taken/to be taken at The University of Georgia
- _____ Six hours outside the student's own department or school
(ECDH/SOWK/CHFD 7010/6010 – Issues in Marriage & Family
Therapy included)
- _____ No more than 6 hours split graduate/undergraduate courses.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

All students who wish to earn the Pre-Professional Graduate Certification in Marriage and Family Therapy must complete this supplemental application and be admitted to the certificate program. Please note that each student must also be admitted to a department by the Graduate School. General applications for admissions are available from the Office of Graduate Admissions.

PLEASE COMPLETE

Name: _____ S.S. Number: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Email: _____

Department: _____ College/School: _____

I have been admitted to the University of Georgia Graduate School as:

A prospective candidate for the _____ degree with a major in _____

List the following information for any undergraduate or graduate degrees you have earned:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree Earned</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Undergraduate grade point average (four-point scale, A=4): _____

Graduate grade point average (four-point scale, A=4): _____

Graduate Record Examination Scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____

Describe Clinical Experience: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

PROGRAM OF STUDY

List the courses you have taken or plan to take that will satisfy the requirements for the Pre-Professional Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family therapy. Submit to the CMFT Program Coordinator along with the application checklist and the application information form.

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Year Taken</u>
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Professional Studies (3 hours)

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Marriage and Family Studies (6 hours)

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Marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

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_____	_____	_____	_____

Indicate with an * the two courses to be taken outside your school/department.

Practicum in marriage and Family Therapy (6 hours)

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I have discussed practicum availability with my advisor or practicum coordinator, and S/he has indicated that it is likely that I can obtain a practicum supporting a clinical and supervisory perspective in marriage and family therapy at one of the following sites:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

_____/_____
PRINT Major Professor or Advisor **SIGN** Date _____

Unit Coordinator, CMFT Program Date _____

Coordinator, CMFT Program Dr. Jerry Gale Date _____