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Central Connecticut State University
The Master's Program in Marriage and Family Therapy at Central Connecticut State University, conveniently located off major highways in the center of the state, offers both part- and full-time study opportunities for persons interested in pursuing a career in marriage and family therapy. The program is nationally accredited by AAMFT’s Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

The MFT program's intensive 51 credit hour core curriculum is designed to provide students with a solid theoretical background as a foundation for intensive clinical training in systemic approaches to human problems. The curriculum leads to a Master of Science (M.S.) in Marriage and Family Therapy, and is designed to meet the academic requirements for Connecticut Licensure for Marital and Family Therapists and AAMFT Clinical Membership. There are 12 credits that are taken as prerequisites, totaling 63 credit hours to complete the program.

**CLINICAL TRAINING**

* The Practicum is a two-semester, 12 hour-per-week supervised clinical placement at a community agency during the Second Year. Students learn basic clinical skills and begin working with clients. Students process their experiences in a small group format with a faculty supervisor.

* The Internship is a 12-month, 25-hour-per-week intensive clinical placement following the practicum experience in the Third Year. The Internship allows students to conduct marital and family therapy under supervision of an AAMFT Approved Supervisor. Interns conduct 300 hours of therapy with individuals, couples, and families; 250 hours must be with couples and families. Interns receive a minimum of 100 hours of individual and group supervision with a minimum of 50 hours of supervision using actual clinical material (i.e., live supervision, audio and video tapes) for intensive review.

**ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

Admissions to the Master’s program in Marriage and Family Therapy are made on a competitive basis two times per year (Fall and Spring). All applications must be completed and received by May 1 for Fall admission of the following academic year and by December 1 for admission the following Spring semester. Approximately twenty (20) students are accepted per academic semester (Fall and Spring).

The decision to admit a student into the MFT program is based on the candidate's cumulative grade point average (GPA), three recommendations by persons able to judge the candidate’s aptitude for success in the profession, and a personal statement as to the candidate’s personal background and motivation for entering the MFT field (see program website for details)*.

The admission standard for this program requires a minimum of 2.70 combined undergraduate and previous graduate GPA (of at least a 3.00 for graduate work) based on a 4.00 point scale where A is 4.00. Students with grade point averages between 2.40 and 2.69 may appeal their denials for admission. Conditional admission may be considered on a space-available basis.

All students who are accepted into the department are initially granted pre-candidacy status and are assigned an academic advisor. The advisor will orient the student regarding prerequisites, course scheduling, potential course transfers and substitutions, and the planned program of study. Pre-candidacy status allows the student to begin taking classes and gives both the program and the student the opportunity to determine if the program is a good “fit” prior to making a full 3-year commitment. Students must meet the conditions of pre-candidacy in order to advance to Degree Candidate status. To qualify for degree candidacy, students must obtain a grade of B or better in each of CNSL 500, CNSL 501, MFT 505 (or PSY 512) and MFT 541. Note that All but MFT 541 are considered to be “program prerequisites”, which allows the program to waive these courses for students transferring in from other counseling or MFT programs who already have completed the equivalent courses.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Each applicant’s file will be rank-ordered according to the program’s selection criteria (based on G.P.A., references and personal essay responses). Once the top twenty candidates have been selected, the next five (5) qualified applicants will be placed on a waiting list and may be offered admission in the event that a slot opens during the decision period.

*For additional information, please see the MFT program website: www.ccsu.edu/MFT