

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY THERAPY

The M.S. in Family Therapy program provides the courses needed to sit for the national examination as required by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists for LMFT licensure in Texas and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). The program requires 60 semester hours of coursework. Clinical coursework includes at least 3 semesters of Internship in Family Therapy with 500 hours of direct client contact hours (including a minimum of 200 hours with couples or families) and 100 hours of supervision (including a minimum of 50 hours of supervision utilizing observable data).

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

60 semester credit hours (thesis or non-thesis option)

Required

Courses in family therapy (30 semester credit hours), research (6 semester credit hours), plus a minimum of 18 semester credit hours of professional competencies specified in degree plan. Students must also pass the Family Therapy M.S. Final Exam.

Grading Specific to the Family Therapy Program:

All Family Therapy students are required to earn grades of "B" or better in all graduate courses. If less than a "B" is earned, students must retake the course the next available semester the course is offered. If a student earns two non-passing grades in any courses during their program, they will be removed from the program. Even though students have retaken a course and earned a passing grade for one (1) course, it does not negate the consequence associated with this two non-passing grades requirement.

Final Examination

Family Therapy requires a final exam. This examination may be repeated once if deemed appropriate by the Family Therapy faculty.

Criminal Background Check

Passing a criminal background check is required by TWU and/or certain facilities associated with the required clinical work or for certifications/licensures. If students are unable to be cleared on any of these requirements, they may not be eligible to continue in the program or become certified/licensed.

Master of Science in Family Therapy Program of Study (60 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	SCHs
Family Therapy Core		
FS 5003	Lifespan Human Development	3
FS 5023	Family Sexuality (face-to-face class format only)	3
FS 5123	Theories of the Family	3
FS 5353	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors	3
FS 5553	Principles of Couple Therapy	3

FS 5563	Foundations of Family Therapy Theory	3
FS 5853	Family Systems (must be taken with FS 5543)	3
FS 5863	Issues and Ethics in Professional Development (must be taken with FS 5903)	3
FS 5883	Family of Origin	3
FS 5903	Special Topics (Clinical Practicum with Diverse and Underserved Communities; Prerequisites are FS 5543 and either FS 5883 OR FS 5563)	3

Professional Competencies

FS 5543	Prepracticum in Family Therapy	3
FS 5544	Internship in Family Therapy (Prerequisites are FS 5543, FS 5903, FS 5883, FS 5563, 3 consecutive semesters minimum. Students must complete applications and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment for each semester of Internship.)	12
FS 5903	Special Topics (Clinical Practicum with Diverse and Underserved Communities) (Prerequisites are FS 5543 and either FS 5883 OR FS 5563)	3

Research

FS 5693	Research Methods in Family Sciences	3
FS 5193	Statistics for Research in Family Sciences	3

Non-thesis Option

Select 6 semester credit hours as agreed upon by student's advisory committee. Choices include:		6
FS 5183	Grief and Bereavement	
FS 5223	Child Growth and Development in Early Childhood	
FS 5243	Adolescents in the Family	
FS 5323	Psychological Appraisal of the Individual	
FS 5373	Group Counseling Procedures	
FS 5443	Multicultural Counseling	
FS 5603	Aging in Families and Society	
FS 5143	Addiction Counseling	
FS 5613	Child Guidance	
FS 5873	Health, Illness, and Families	

OR Thesis Option

FS 5983	Thesis	
FS 5993	Thesis	

Total SCHs 60