

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN FAMILY THERAPY

The mission of the Doctor of Philosophy in Family Therapy program is to prepare systemic family therapists to contribute to family therapy scholarship and theory as advanced clinicians, researchers, supervisors, and educators. A focus of the program is training students from diverse backgrounds in a multiculturally-informed and multi-systemic perspective. The Ph.D. in Family Therapy consists of 90 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree, with at least 30 of the 90 credit hours focused on research courses, completion of a dissertation, and an internship across two semesters focused on two of the following areas: research, grant writing, supervision, college teaching, clinical specialization, and advanced clinical theory. The Ph.D. in Family Therapy requires 69 semester hours of courses beyond the master's degree.

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

A minimum of 90 semester credit hours above the bachelor's degree, including 6 semester credit hours for dissertation. (Proficiency in statistics is required as part of the program, including completion of at least two 6000-level statistics courses.) At least 30 of the 90 hours must be research courses. Consult with advisor for appropriate/approved research courses.

Major

Two-thirds of the total semester credit hours will determine the major.

Note: The specific course requirements and total semester credit hours are developed in cooperation with and approved in a meeting of the student's graduate advisory committee. The department chair also approves individual doctoral degree plans based on current departmental requirements. If a grade of C or below is earned two times while in any Family Sciences doctoral program, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Research Tools

The Department of Family Sciences requirement is currently consistent with the university requirements as described in the Graduate School General Requirements section of this catalog. Check with the advisory committee for any possible additions in acceptable courses to meet the research tool requirement. These requirements of 12 student credit hours are a part of the 90 semester credit hours minimum described above and are included in the 30 hours of research courses required.

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 ("C" or below) in any courses during their program, s/he will be dismissed 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.

Qualifying Examination

The qualifying examination consists of written and/or oral comprehensive examinations conducted by the candidate's advisory committee and administered at least one academic year before the degree is expected to be conferred, ordinarily not earlier than during the last semester of the second full year of graduate study. In no case may a

student be excused from the qualifying examination. (NOTE: The student must have met research tools and any residence requirements before taking the qualifying examination.) Additional information regarding the qualifying examination process and criteria in Family Therapy can be found in the Family Therapy Ph.D. Student Handbook at the Department of Family Sciences website.

Final Examination

A comprehensive oral examination will include a defense of the dissertation and the research on which it is based, as well as questions concerning the major. The Final Examination may only be repeated one time. Failure to pass this exam results in dismissal from the program.

Criminal Background Check

Passing a criminal background check may be 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.

Doctor of Philosophy in Family Therapy Program of Study (90 semester credit hours, including relevant master's coursework)

Code	Title	SCHs
Prerequisites		
The following prerequisite courses, or reasonable equivalents, will be completed in the student's Master's degree program; if not, they must be taken during the Family Therapy doctoral degree program. In addition, students must have completed an internship experience in their Master's degree program (minimum of 12 credit hours across 12 months & 500 (200 relational) direct client contact hours).		
FS 5003	Lifespan Human Development	
FS 5023	Family Sexuality	
FS 5123	Theories of the Family	
FS 5193	Statistics for Research in Family Sciences	
FS 5353	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors	
FS 5443	Multicultural Counseling	
FS 5553	Principles of Couple Therapy	
FS 5563	Foundations of Family Therapy Theory	
FS 5693	Research Methods in Family Sciences	
FS 5853	Family Systems	
FS 5863	Issues and Ethics in Professional Development	
FS 5883	Family of Origin	
Systemic Clinical Theory & Applications to Contemporary Challenges (6 hours)		
FS 6243	Advanced Applications of Family Therapy to Contemporary Challenges	3
FS 6563	Family Therapy II (Advanced Family Therapy Theory)	3
Foundations of Teaching, Supervision, & Leadership (9 hours)		

FS 6253	Supervision in Family Therapy (Application required, with minimum of 100 relational client contact hours and instructor approval)	3
FS 6343	Effective College Teaching Methods	3
FS 6433	Grants Writing in Family Sciences	3
Advanced Research (24 hours)		
FS 6003	Advanced Study of the Lifespan	3
FS 6193	Advanced Statistics for Family Sciences	3
FS 6203	Frameworks and Ethics for Qualitative Research in Family Sciences	3
FS 6403	Theory Building in Family Sciences	3
FS 6443	Research and Issues in Family Sciences	3
FS 6693	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods In Family Sciences	3
FS 6793	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods In Family Sciences	3
FS 6893	Multivariate Statistics	3
Electives (18 hours)		18
Students must select a minimum of 18 hours in electives, meeting the following requirements:		
Special Topics in Family Therapy (6 hours) Examples:		
FS 6903	Special Topics (Social Context and Health)	
FS 6903	Special Topics (Advanced Research Methods in Marriage and Family Therapy)	
Specialty Area/Career Goals electives (6 hours) Examples:		
FS 6303	Academic Life and Scholarship	
FS 6863	Family Financial Counseling	
PSY 6423	Psychopathology and Exceptionalities in Childhood and Adolescence	
PSY 6253	Autism Spectrum Disorders	
PSY 6673	Therapeutic and Crisis Interventions for Children and Adolescents	
PSY 6143	Neurodevelopmental and Genetic Disorders In Children	
PSY 6383	Cross Cultural Psychology	
HS 6353	Social Epidemiology	
HS 6443	Foundations of Health Science	
HS 6563	Health Advocacy and Leadership	
HS 6453	Strategies in Health Education Delivery	
HS 6433	History of Health and Medicine	
HS 5103	Principles and Methods of Teaching Health Professionals	
HS 6423	Global Health	
HS 6403	Environmental Health	
READ 6533	Foundation of Reading: Physiological And Psychological Dimensions	
READ 6563	Nature of Literacy in the Adolescent Years	
SOCI 6503	Seminar on Social Organization and Disorganization	
SOCI 6523	Social Psychology Theory	
Research Methods and Data Analytic electives (6 hours) Examples:		
FS 6903	Special Topics (Structural Equation Modeling & Dyadic Analysis)	

HS 5013	Data Collection and Analysis	
READ 6483	Qualitative Research	
READ 6493	Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	
WS 5773	Qualitative Research Methods	
SOCI 6203	Seminar on Research Methods	
SOCI 6373	Quantitative Methods and Design	

Students should consult with their major advisor and the Family Therapy Doctoral Student Handbook when selecting electives. All electives must be approved by the student's doctoral degree plan committee prior to enrolling in the courses.

Advanced Experience (6 hours)

FS 6913	Independent Study (Advanced Practical Experience in Family Therapy (2 semesters) Choose two of the following areas: Supervision, Advanced Research, Teaching, Advanced Clinical Theory & Practice, Grant Writing)	6
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See Advanced Practical Experience section in the Family Therapy Doctoral Student Handbook for application and course requirements.

Dissertation (6 hours)

FS 6983	Dissertation	3
FS 6993	Dissertation	3

Students are expected to complete their formal degree plan during a meeting with their major advisor and doctoral committee before completing 15 hours of courses.