

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Marriage & Family Therapy Program

Ph.D. Curriculum

Below is the total core curriculum for the clinical doctorate in marriage and family therapy. Before or at the time of admission, the student should consult with her/his advisory committee to determine “leveling” coursework from a Master’s curriculum (if any) that would be completed prior to pursuing advanced marriage and family therapy studies.

MAFT 7000 Family Systems I	3
MAFT 7002 Family Systems II	3
MAFT 7010 Family Therapy I	3
MAFT 7012 Family Therapy II	3
MAFT 7014 Marital/Couples Therapy	3
MAFT 7020 Advanced Family Studies & Human Development	3
MAFT 7022 Social Ecology	3
MAFT 7024 Psychopathology and Assessment	3
MAFT 7030 Supervision of Marriage and Family Therapy	3
MAFT 7040 Issues/problems in Systemic and MFT Research	3
MAFT 7042 Qualitative and Ethnographic Research	3
MAFT 7046 Dissertation Seminar	3
MAFT 7051 Doctoral Practicum	15 (min)
MAFT 7052 Clinical/Non-clinical Internship	6 (min)
MAFT 7099 Dissertation	9 (min)
EDFN 6091/LEC7001 Statistics	3

Total = 69 credit hours



The following is a typical course sequence for the required 21 month residency, in addition to any externship site placements, the written and oral comprehensive examination, and the dissertation proposal and defense.

First Year

FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7010 (3 Cr.) Family Therapy I:</p> <p>Building on the philosophical perspectives of modernism/structuralism and postmodernism/poststructuralism, this course involves intensive study of brief models of marriage and family therapy, including Communications/MRI, Strategic (Haley & Madanes), Systemic (Milan), constructivist, social constructionist, and narrative/language (Andersen, Goolishian & Anderson, de Shazer, O'Hanlon, White and Epston).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7002 (3 Cr.) Family Systems II: Foundations of MFT</p> <p>A study of the historical roots, foundation ideas, and philosophical evolution of systemic, cybernetic, and ecological perspectives in individual, marriage and family therapy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7024 (3 Cr.) Psychopathology & Assessment</p> <p>An examination of the psychopathology nomenclature, on identifying individual and family strengths, and on viewing behavior in context. Particular emphasis is placed on understanding the individual/family and environment interaction by means of a systems perspective.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7030 (3 Cr.) Supervision of MFT</p> <p>A comprehensive review of the literature on the Supervision of Marriage and Family Therapy and this course is designed to meet the didactic instruction component for AAMFT Approved Supervisor designation. This course also provides an opportunity to work with an Approved Supervisor in the supervision of master's level students in marriage and family therapy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7042 (3 Cr.) Qualitative & Ethnographic Research</p> <p>An examination of a broad base of qualitative research techniques used in academic and the marriage and family therapy practice settings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7014 (3 Cr.) Couple & Marital Therapy</p> <p>Study of current theory and practice in couple and marital therapy. Related topics include a perspective on the contemporary social context for couples and marriages, parenting, step-parenting, and single-parent families.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7040 (3 Cr.) Issues/Problems in Systemic & MFT Research</p> <p>Intensive study of philosophical, theoretical, and practical issues in conceptualizing, designing, and conducting research on social systems from the perspective of modernist/structuralist and postmodernist/poststructuralist philosophical traditions. systemic/cybernetic, constructivist, social constructionist, and quantum physics perspectives will be an important focus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7012 (3 Cr.) Family Therapy II:</p> <p>Building on the philosophical perspectives of modernism/structuralism and postmodernism/poststructuralism, this course involves intensive study modernist models of marriage and family therapy. Models to be studied include communications (Satir), experiential (Kempler and Whitaker), family of origin: psychodynamic (Bowen, Boszormenyi-Nagy, & object relations), structural (Minuchin), and behavioral.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7051. DOCTORAL PRACTICUM (3 Cr.) –</p> <p>Supervision of clinical work for Marriage and Family Therapy doctoral students. Pre-Requisite: 500 hours client contact/100 hours supervision under AAMFT Approved Supervisor.</p>
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Second Year

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<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7000 (3 Cr.) Family Systems I: Epistemological Issues in MFT</p> <p>Study of the paradigm shift represented by the systems/cybernetics/ ecological perspective, the constructivist, social constructionist, narrative perspectives, and the implications of these perspectives for society, social policy, assessment, research, and mental health practice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7046. (3 Cr.) Dissertation Seminar in MFT</p> <p>This is an advanced seminar which is designed to assist students in selecting a dissertation topic, and designing a quantitative, qualitative, philosophical or theoretical dissertation research proposal. It is expected that students will complete the first two chapters of their dissertation in this course.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7052 (1-6 Cr.) Internship in MFT I & II</p> <p>The Nine-month Internship focuses on marriage and family therapy processes and situations specific to direct marriage and family therapy practice with families and larger systems of which family systems are members. It is designed to continue the development of knowledge and skills relative to this focus in the areas of effective client-therapist relationships, analysis of client needs, service delivery issues, agency/organizational dynamics, policy issues, and professional values as each pertains to various systems levels. Grades of CR (Credit) or NC (No Credit) will be awarded. (1-6 Cr., Maximum 6 Cr. per semester. Total maximum 12 Cr.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EDFN 6091 (3 Cr.) Advanced Education Statistics</p> <p>Parametric and nonparametric inferential statistics; analysis of variance, covariance, partial and multiple, correlation and special techniques of correlation with computer programming and application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR LEC 7001 (3 Cr.)</p> <p>This course surveys procedures for using the computer in text editing, data management, and statistical processing of research data. Emphasis is placed on using the SPSS for data analyses and hypothesis testing. Participants, through use of the Education Doctoral Laboratory.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7022 (3 Cr.) Social Ecology: The Social Context of the Family</p> <p>Macrosystemic study of the interface between families and work, religion, education, medical, social service, and mental health systems. Skill development includes a focus on systemic approaches to consultation and collaboration with members of other social systems as an adjunct to marriage and family therapy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7099 (3 Cr.) DISSERTATION</p> <p>Grades of CR (Credit) or NC (No Credit) will be awarded. Must be repeated for a minimum of 9 Credit hours.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7020 (3 Cr.) Advanced Family Studies & Human Development</p> <p>This course focuses on the major theories used in the study, assessment, and understanding of family interaction. Particular emphasis is placed on the application of theory to a variety of family issues, weighing special considerations and implications of the rural/ semi-rural context in such applications.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAFT 7051. DOCTORAL PRACTICUM (3 Cr.) – Supervision of clinical work for Marriage and Family Therapy doctoral students. Pre-Requisite: 500 hours client contact/100 hours supervision under AAMFT Approved Supervisor.</p>	
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Supervisor.

***Years Three and Four typically consist of a continuation of MAFT 7052 and MAFT 7099**