



Marriage & Family Therapy
School of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences
700 University Ave * Monroe, LA 71209-0230

Doctoral Program

Applicant Selection Criteria

Students admitted to the Doctor of Philosophy degree program will have successfully completed a master's degree from a COAMFTE accredited marriage and family therapy Masters Degree program or an appropriate social science discipline such as counseling, psychology, sociology, psychiatric, pastoral counseling, or social work that provides coursework equivalent to COAMFTE standard.

Ideal applicants for admissions to the Doctor of Philosophy degree program will meet the following criteria:

1. Meet admission requirements for the [University of Louisiana at Monroe Graduate School](#)
2. Have a minimum cumulative graduate grade point average of at least 3.50
3. Complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a minimum score of 1000 (Verbal and Quantitative)
4. Demonstrate evidence of both academic competency and clinical skills or the potential for clinical competency.
5. Present evidence of relevant work experience

Finalist in the application process will be required to have a personal interview with the MFT doctoral admissions committee, to which they will bring a written response to an article in the field of marriage and family therapy.

Application Process

Step 1: Apply to the ULM Graduate School by February 1

- Complete the [ULM Graduate School Application](#)
- Official university transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work (one copy from each school attended) may be sent electronically to gradadmissions@ulm.edu or mailed to:

Graduate Admissions
University of Louisiana at Monroe
Hannah Hall Room 241
700 University Avenue
Monroe, LA 71209

- GRE scores sent directly from the testing source. ULM's institution code is 6482.

Step 2: Apply to the ULM Marriage and Family Therapy Doctor of Philosophy Program by March 1

- Complete the [ULM Marriage and Family Therapy Doctoral Program Application Form](#)
- Submit **three (3)** Letters of Recommendation from colleagues who are familiar with your character, clinical skills, and ability to perform academically on the doctoral level. Where

possible these should include former professors, clinical supervisor, and/or administrators familiar with your training and subsequent practice. These should be mailed to:

MFT Doctoral Program Admissions Committee

Marriage and Family Therapy Program
College of Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of Louisiana at Monroe
Strauss Hall #371
700 University Avenue
Monroe, LA 71209

- Complete the [Graduate Assistantship Application Form](#) (Optional)
- If you are applying for a Graduate Assistantship, you must also complete the [Graduate Assistantship Recommendation Form](#).

Step 3: Graduate School Admission Decision

Upon receipt of your application materials sent to the Graduate School, your application will be reviewed. You will receive a letter advising you of your Graduate School admissions status from the Director of Graduate School.

Step 4: MFT Doctoral Program Admission Decision

Upon admission to the Graduate School, your Marriage and Family Therapy specific application will be reviewed by the MFT Admissions Committee.

Note: Admission to Graduate School DOES NOT automatically ensure admission to the MFT Program.

If selected by the MFT Admissions Committee, you will receive an invitation to attend the doctoral interviews, when scheduled.

- You will bring a written response to an article in the field of marriage and family therapy.
- The article, along with instructions regarding the assignment, will be sent along with the letter inviting the applicant to the interview.

Following the interviews, you will receive an official letter regarding your admission status to the MFT Program.

Upon receipt of an official letter of acceptance into the MFT Program:

1. Please send a letter of your acceptance or refusal to the MFT Doctoral Program Admissions Committee at the above address.
2. You will then receive a letter from the MFT program regarding necessary coursework for the fall semester and a class schedule with information on how to register online.
3. Register for classes online at <https://banner.ulm.edu>
4. **Please Note:** Keep your telephone number(s) and/or address(es) current with both the Graduate School and the MFT Program.