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Department of Family Sciences

MASTER of SCIENCE in FAMILY THERAPY

(57 semester hours)

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.

FAMILY THERAPY CORE (30 hours)

- *FS 5003 Lifespan Human Development
- FS 5023 Family Sexuality (face-to-face class format only)
- FS 5123 Theories of the Family
- *FS 5353 Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors
- *FS 5553 Principles of Marital Therapy
- *FS 5563 Family Therapy I
- *FS 5853 Family Systems
- *FS 5883 Family of Origin
- *FS 6233 Issues and Ethics in Professional Development
- FS 6323 Health, Illness, and Families

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES (15 hours)

- *FS 5363 Prepracticum
 - FS 5544 Internship in Family Therapy (3 consecutive semesters minimum)
(Students must complete applications and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment for Prepracticum and for *each* semester of Internship.)
- (*Indicates courses which must be completed before beginning Internship)

RESEARCH (6 hours)

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

NON-THESIS OPTION (6 hours)

Students choose 6 hours of courses agreed upon by their advisory committee.

Choices include:

- FS 5223 Child Growth and Development in Early Childhood
- FS 5243 Adolescents in the Family
- FS 5603 Aging in Families and Society
- FS 5613 Child Guidance
- FS 5373 Group Counseling Procedures (Students must complete an application for this course and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment.)
- FS 5443 Multicultural Counseling
- FS 5143 Addiction Counseling
- FS 5323 Psychological Appraisal

--OR--

THESIS OPTION (6 hours)

Students conduct original research under the direction of their major advisor.

- FS 5983/FS 5993 Thesis

Students must successfully pass the Family Therapy Final Examination at the completion of their program of study.

Students are expected to meet with their major advisor to complete their formal degree plan before the completion of 12 semester hours of courses.