

Revised Summer 2009

**Texas Woman's University  
College of Professional Education  
Department of Family Sciences**

### ***MASTER OF SCIENCE in FAMILY THERAPY***

The MS in Family Therapy contains the needed courses to qualify for the Licensed Marriage & Family Therapy examination in Texas.

61 semester hours (non-thesis option) or 66 semester hours (thesis option)

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

(\*Indicates courses which must be completed before beginning Practicum)

#### **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 5133 Family Law **OR** \*FS 6233 Issues in Professional Development

FS 5323 Psychological Appraisal **OR** FS 5603 Aging in Families and Society

\*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

#### **PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES (19 hours)**

\*FS 5363 Prepracticum

FS 5532/FS 5542 Practicum 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 Practicum.)

#### **RESEARCH (6 hours)**

FS 5693 Research Methods in Family Sciences

FS 5193 Statistics for Research in Family Sciences

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## **AREA OF EMPHASIS (9 hours)**

*Students must choose **three** courses from **one** of the three areas below:*

- **LPC** (to qualify for the Texas Licensed Professional Counselor examination)

FS 5323 Psychological Appraisal of the Individual

FS 5453 Counseling for Career Development

FS 5373 Group Counseling Procedures (Students must complete an application for this course and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment.)

- **Medical Family Therapy**

FS 6903 Health, Illness, and Families

HS 5063 Aging and Health

HS 5423 Ethnic and Cultural Factors in Health Decisions

- **Children in Family Therapy**

FS 5163 Play Therapy

FS 5223 Child Growth and Human Development in Early Childhood

FS 5243 Adolescents in the Family

FS 5293 Advanced Play Therapy: Theories and Application

FS 5613 Child Guidance

## **NON-THESIS OPTION (61 hours)**

Students choose to write and submit a manuscript for publication in a professional academic journal or in an edited book **OR** complete the Professional Development Project (formal paper and oral presentation with video of their therapy).

FS 5911 Individual Study (1 hour)

## **THESIS OPTION (66 hours)**

Students conduct original research and complete a thesis.

FS 5983/FS 5993 Thesis (6 hours)