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Department of Family Sciences

***DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY in FAMILY THERAPY* (70 semester hours)**

The Ph.D. 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.

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.

*FS 5003 Lifespan Human Development

FS 5123 Theories of the Family

*FS 5323 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors

*FS 5363 Prepracticum (Students must complete an application and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment for Prepracticum.)

FS 5023 Family Sexuality (face-to-face class format only)

FS 6323 Health, Illness, and Families

FAMILY THERAPY CORE (24 hours)

*FS 5553 Principles of Marital Therapy

*FS 5563 Family Therapy I

*FS 5853 Family Systems

*FS 5883 Family of Origin

*FS 6233 Issues & Ethics in Professional Development ~

FS 6243 Theories & Strategies for Intervention in Family Therapy~

FS 6563 Family Therapy II ~

FS 6863 Family Financial Counseling ~

(~ indicates courses which must be taken at TWU unless an exception is made by the majority of the student's doctoral committee.)

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES (19 hours)

FS 6544 Advanced Internship in Family Therapy (4 semesters minimum) ~

(Students must complete applications and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment for *each* semester of Internship. *indicates courses which must be completed before beginning Internship)

FS 6253 Supervision in Family Therapy (taken during 3rd or 4th semester of Internship)

RESEARCH CORE (15 hours)

FS 6693 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Family Sciences

FS 6793 Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Family Sciences

FS 6873 Applied Multivariate Statistics for Family Sciences

FS 6983/FS 6993 Dissertation

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DOCTORAL CORE (12 hours)

FS 6003 Advanced Study of the Lifespan

FS 6403 Theory Building in Family Sciences

FS 6413 Current Research and Issues in Family Sciences

FS 6423 Readings in Family Sciences

The PhD in Family Therapy requires 70 semester hours of courses. The doctoral degree plan must contain at least 90 graduate hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. At least 30 of the 90 hours must be research courses, including the university requirement of 12 semester hours of Research Tool courses or competencies, as approved by the majority of the student's doctoral committee.

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.