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

DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY in FAMILY THERAPY

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

The PhD in Family Therapy requires 70 semester hours of courses + 12 semester hours of Research Tool courses or competencies . The doctoral degree plan must contain at least 90 hours beyond the baccalaureate degree, exclusive of the research tool courses. Students are expected to complete their degree plan meeting with their major advisor and doctoral committee after completing 12-15 hours of courses. (*indicates courses which must be completed before beginning Practicum) (~ indicates courses which must be taken at TWU unless an exception is made by all Family Therapy faculty)

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 5353 Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors
- *FS 5363 Prepracticum (Student must complete an application and be approved for this course during the semester preceding enrollment for Prepracticum.)
- FS 5023 Family Sexuality (face-to-face class format only)
- FS 5323 Psychological Appraisal

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 ~

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES (19 hours)

FS 6532/FS 6542 Practicum in Family Therapy (4 semesters minimum) ~

(Students must complete applications and be approved during the semester preceding enrollment for *each* semester of Practicum.)

FS 6253 Supervision in Family Therapy (taken during 4th semester of Practicum; includes live supervision of clinical sessions of student colleagues on campus.)

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

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

Within the 90 hours total required for the doctorate in Family Therapy, students must have a minimum of 30 hours of research courses, exclusive of the 12 hours needed for Research Tool courses or competencies. The Research Tools courses and competencies options are listed under Requirements for Research Tools in the Forms section of the Department of Family Sciences home page. The list also notes courses which are designated as eligible for the 30 hours of research courses needed within the degree.