

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING THE CLINICAL PROGRAM

Students in the Marriage and Family Therapy program must meet certain requirements before they can enter the clinical portion of the program. While we expect most students to be ready after their first academic year, we realize some may not be ready to make this step. The following are the criteria that students must meet to proceed into the clinical practicum:

- A. Must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average in all core MFT courses completed.
- B. Complete a clinical interview with faculty - to be scheduled by the faculty before the beginning of the semester.
- C. Master's students must pass the Comprehensive Exams.
- D. Demonstrate a readiness to begin clinical work through the following:
 - 1. Can clearly articulate the strengths and areas for growth he/she will bring to his/her work.
 - 2. Be able to speculate what approach he/she will use for specific cases.
 - 3. Have demonstrated in classes and other environments his/her ability to accept feedback and work effectively in a team setting.

Based on the above criteria, a student may receive the following outcomes for the clinical practicum:

- a) Admittance to the Clinical Program – No Restrictions: The student will begin clinical program as scheduled
- b) Admittance to the Clinical Program With Restrictions – The student will develop and write a plan to remediate any problems that are identified with consultation from the clinical director
- c) No Admittance to the Clinical Program – Student will not be admitted to the clinical program

Clinic Schedule

The Center for Family Services works on the calendar year, not the academic calendar. Post-Master's therapist interns are expected to fulfill one full calendar year beginning in May and concluding the following May, one year later. Master's therapist interns are expected to earn their 500 face-to-face clinical hours in our training clinic and in off-site placements. Master's students must fulfill at least two semesters in the clinic before they may apply for an off-site placement (students must discuss any potential off-site placements with the clinical director BEFORE applying). Master's therapist interns typically begin in August and end two years later in August or when they have reached their 500 hours. A CFS placement with less than 2 years duration may be graduated by the Clinical Director based on the student's progress and clinical ability. The expectation is that Master's students will spend at least 2 years in a placement at CFS. When students enroll for each semester in the clinic, it is expected and required that the student commit

to working in the clinic the entire semester. Students are also expected to continue in the clinic without disruption for the full year or two year commitment.

Master's Client Contact Hours Chart

Location/Activity	Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			Beyond		
	Fall	Spr	Sum	Fall	Spr	Sum	Fall	Spr	Sum	Fall	Spr	Sum
Co-facilitate Group												
Center for Family Services Slot										Optional depending on availability		
Off-site Placement												
Supplemental Placement										Contingent on Continued CFS placement		
<p>Co-facilitate – Co-leading a group with a staff member of a local agency. Supervision by Tech faculty. May accrue 75 total hours.</p> <p>Center for Family Services slot – One night or day (4 therapy hours). Master's students generally have 1 slot per week for 2 years. It is possible to have more than 1 slot depending on availability and clinic needs. Supervision by Tech Faculty.</p> <p>Off-site placement – Placement at a local agency. Supervision by agency supervisor (AAMFT Approved or Equivalent).</p> <p>Supplemental placement – Placement at a local agency. Supervision by Tech faculty. May count 1 hour of off-site client contact for every 2 hours of CFS client contact per month.</p>												

Co-Facilitate - Master’s students may begin co-facilitating groups with a licensed professional in the spring semester of their first year, per the Clinical Director’s approval. The student must receive supervision by one of the MFT faculty and may accrue up to but no more than 75 hours. A student may only accrue these hours in the spring and summer semesters of their first year.

Center for Family Services slot – Both Post-Master’s and Master’s students receive a minimum of one slot per semester. Master’s students may be offered the option of having more than one slot depending on availability and clinic needs. Post-Master’s students are offered a slot for one full year, Master’s students for two full years. Master’s students may be allowed to continue after two full years in the clinic if they are still accruing the required 500 hours. However, this is dependent on availability and is not guaranteed. Students should make themselves available as best as possible for all clinic slots. The only exceptions to availability are conflicts with classes offered by the MFT

program, conflicts with an off-site internship, or other work schedule. When slot requests are passed out each semester you may rank order your preferred choices for a clinic slot. Every effort will be made on behalf of the Associate Clinical Director to place you in your first choice slot; however, this is not always possible.

Off-Site Placement - Master's students may apply for offsite placements after completing two semesters in the clinic. Typically, applications are submitted in the spring for students to start in either the summer or fall of that year. All offsite placements must be discussed with the Clinical Director prior to applying and must be approved by the Clinical Director. The Center for Family Services tries to provide opportunities throughout the community for off-site placements. Master's students are not required to have an off-site placement, but it is strongly encouraged. Off-site placements must be supervised by an AAMFT approved or equivalent supervisor. The clinic GA keeps a list of the placements for your review.

Supplemental Placement – Master's students may apply for a supplemental placement after completing two semesters in the clinic. These are typically placements that require only minimal hours (i.e., a group once a week for two hours) and are supervised by Tech faculty. These placements must also be reviewed and approved by the Clinical Director.