Admissions
Admission decisions are made twice a year, on March 15 and November 15. Completed applications and supporting materials are due no later than February 15 and October 15 respectively. All candidates must participate in a group interview as part of the admissions process. Candidates selected for the group interview are notified in writing of their eligibility.

Due to the professional responsibilities assumed as a marriage and family therapist, students must demonstrate the capacity to undertake work in the field. Students whose academic work is of marginal quality or who demonstrate personal qualities that are inconsistent with the role of the marriage and family therapist will not be recommended for continuation in the program. The ethical standards of the AAMFT as well as the State laws about confidentiality and professional practice are binding to all faculty and students in the program, and are rigorously enforced.

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About Fairfield University
Steepled in Jesuit tradition, Fairfield University’s approach to education is rigorous and thorough, with a blend of theoretical and applied learning that prepares individuals to change the world for the better. Fairfield’s master’s programs offer a dynamic educational environment in small class settings, providing support, convenience, and flexibility for working adults.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY PROGRAM
Distinctions:
• Fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)
• Conducts a non-profit, full-service clinical training facility on campus (Kathryn P. Koslow Center for Marriage and Family Therapy).

Assistantships and financial aid:
• A limited number of graduate assistantships are awarded each year. To be considered, contact the Dean’s office at (203) 254-4250 for an application. You may also be considered for an assistantship after your admission by contacting the program director.
• In addition, you may obtain information about financing your advanced degree from the University’s Financial Aid Office, (203) 254-4000, ext. 2152.

For application information and catalogs, contact:
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PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Marriage and Family Therapy master’s degree program is designed to prepare students for careers as competent professional marriage and family therapists by providing them with a solid conceptual knowledge base and the clinical skills necessary for effective practice. Students are exposed to the broad range of family systems theories and models with a particular emphasis on Structural and Strategic approaches. The program provides a learning context that fundamentally values diversity, nondiscrimination and the promotion of justice. The program seeks to educate students to be socially aware and ethically responsible professionals.

Graduates are eligible and encouraged to apply for licensure in Marriage and Family Therapy in the State of Connecticut. Students are encouraged to become active members of AAMFT. Upon completion of the program, students may apply to be Pre-Clinical Fellows in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). Following additional required post-degree clinical experience and supervision, graduates may apply to be Clinical Fellows.

Fairfield’s program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

Course of Study

The Marriage and Family Therapy program requires completion of 57 credits. In addition, students must: maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0; complete a minimum of 500 hours of direct clinical service to individuals, couples, and families; receive 100 hours of group and individual supervision, a minimum of 50 hours of which will be based on audio/video tape or live observation; and pass a comprehensive examination.

The program offers specialized training in the structural and strategic models of family therapy, and has contractual relationships with more than 40 placement sites in 20 neighboring communities. At these sites, students may obtain their supervised clinical experience during their four semesters of practice and internship.

AREA I: Theoretical Foundations
(6 credits: 2 SDUs)
FT 550 Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy
FT 555 Foundations of Marital and Family Therapy

AREA II: Clinical Practice
(27 credits: 9 SDUs)
FT 443 Multicultural Issues in Counseling
FT 465 Introduction to Substance Abuse
FT 525 Divorce, Single Parenting and Remarriage
FT 552 Interventions in Structural & Strategic Family Therapy
FT 553 Family Therapy Pre-Practicum
FT 561 Advanced Intervention in Family Therapy
FT 562 Human Sexuality and Sexual Dysfunction
FT 567 Couples Therapy
FT 569 Assessment Techniques in Marriage & Family Therapy

AREA III: Individual Development & Family Relations
(3 credits: 1 SDU)
FT 447 Development Across the Lifespan

AREA IV: Professional Ethical Issues
(3 credits: 1 SDU)
FT 565 Ethical, Legal & Professional Issues in Family Therapy

AREA V: RESEARCH
(3 credits: 1 SDU)
FT 556 Research in Marriage and Family Therapy

AREA VI: ADDITIONAL LEARNING
(3 credits: 1 SDU)
FT 540 Fundamentals of Mediation and Conflict Resolution
FT 400A Creative Arts Therapy
FT 430 Contemporary Families

AREA VII: CLINICAL PRACTICE
(12 credits: 4 SDUs)

Special Features

The program’s onsite clinical training facility, The Kathryn P. Koslow Center for Marriage and Family Therapy offers clinical services to a diverse clientele of individuals, couples, and families experiencing a broad range of presenting problems. The Koslow Center is equipped with state of the art audio-video technology and one-way mirrors. Teams comprised of advanced graduate students, AAMFT-approved supervisors, and licensed therapists provide therapy.

The Faculty

All faculty members are approved supervisors and clinical members of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and licensed in the State of Connecticut. Through their publications, presentations of papers, and service on numerous professional, state, and national committees, the faculty maintain national and international recognition in the field.

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