



The master of arts degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy (MMFT) at Pfeiffer University is offered at the Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham campuses and provides the clinical and academic training for becoming a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) working with individuals, couples and families in a variety of professional settings. The curriculum, which requires 69 hours and usually takes 3-4 years to complete (contingent on a full-time or part-time commitment), includes clinical training that focuses on developing ethical therapy skills, increasing professionalism and building community partnerships.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Completed Pfeiffer University application
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university; minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in major/2.75 overall; nine hours of coursework in the social sciences
- Official transcripts from all previous colleges or universities attended
- Three letters of professional recommendation written on official letterhead and each submitted with the recommendation form (letters from friends, colleagues, pastors or therapists are not accepted)
- Satisfactory completion of the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) with a minimum score of 3.0 on the writing section.
- Current resume and writing sample
- Small group interview with Admissions Committee approval
- Early application deadlines are February 1 and March 1 for summer and fall admission, respectively. However, the program will continue to accept applications until the cohort is filled.
- The MMFT program is a residential program and requires students to be enrolled in a minimum of two courses each fall and spring semester and a minimum of one course during the summer semester.

**KEY PROGRAM FEATURES**

The MMFT program's Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) include the following primary concepts:

- Theoretical Knowledge/Academic Training
- Diversity
- Clinical Effectiveness
- Individual and Relational Development
- Professional Identity and Ethics
- Research

**RESIDENTIAL & SEATED program with flexible evening classroom schedules**

**BEST COUNSELING DEGREES**  
Marriage and Family Therapy

**TOP 10 NATIONALLY RANKED**



**INTERNSHIPS**  
in specialized therapeutic settings

**2 state-of-the-art clinics**

with supervised training in Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham

**1 of 3 COAMFTE accredited programs in North Carolina**  
(Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education)

**AAMFT approved supervisors or supervisor candidates**  
(American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy)

The curriculum meets the academic and experiential requirements for state licensure as a marriage and family therapist (LMFT) in North Carolina and prepares students for the national examination in marital and family therapy (AMFTRB)

READY TO JOIN?  
**PFEIFFER?**

**APPLY TODAY!**

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## ACCREDITATION

Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

Pfeiffer University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

## CURRICULUM

The Master of Arts Degree requires 69 Semester Hours (SH).

## CORE COURSES

### Assessment and Diagnosis (6 SH):

**MMFT 604** Diagnosis of Mental and Emotional Disorders

**MMFT 630** Assessment and Treatment Planning in Family Therapy

### Human Development and Family Relations (9 SH)

**MMFT 640** Family Therapy: Children and Adolescents

**PSYC 600** Advanced Human Growth and Development

**PSYC 615** Advanced Psychopathology in the Family Context

### Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy (15 SH)

**MMFT 600** Emerging Cross-Cultural Issues in Families and Communities

**MMFT 606** Practicum I: Therapeutic Alliance

**MMFT 607** Practicum II: Clinical Procedures

**MMFT 620** Couples Therapy, Theory, and Techniques

**MMFT 670** Human Sexuality and Contextual Sex Therapy

### Professional Identity and Ethics (6 SH)

**MMFT 610** Professional Identity and Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy

**MMFT 680** Legal & Ethical Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy

## Research in Marriage and Family Therapy (3 SH)

**PSYC 625** Research Methods and Program Evaluation

## Theoretical Foundations of Marriage and Family Therapy (9 SH)

**MMFT 601** Introduction to Family

**MMFT 602** Family Therapy Theories

**MMFT 621** Advanced MFT Theories and Special Issues

## Clinical Practice (9-15 SH)

**MMFT 690/690A** Internship in Marriage & Family Therapy

Three to five consecutive semesters as needed to complete a minimum of 500 clinical hours - A minimum of 40% relational.

## Additional Core Coursework (12 SH)

**MMFT 603** Theory and Practice of Group Therapy

**MMFT 605** Addiction in Family Systems

**MMFT 608** Crisis Intervention

**MMFT 685** Advanced Trauma Focused Assessment and Intervention

## Thesis: Optional (6 SH)

**PSYC 630** Statistical Application and Research Design

**PSYC 635** Thesis



## QUESTIONS?

### Graduate & Degree Completion Admissions

(704) 521-9116

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## CAMPUS LOCATIONS

### Charlotte

Graduate Programs

Graduate Certificate Programs

Undergraduate Degree Completion Programs

Undergraduate Certificate and Non-degree Programs

1515 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 100

Charlotte, NC 28209

### Raleigh-Durham

Marriage and Family Therapy

600 Airport Boulevard

Morrisville, NC 27560

(919) 941-2920