Marriage and Family Therapy, MAS

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This is the only marriage and family therapy program at a state university in Arizona, and its accelerated, applied format means that you will earn your degree in 16 to 18 months instead of spending three or four years in a traditional program.

Program description

Degree awarded: MAS Marriage and Family Therapy

This self-contained accelerated MAS program in marriage and family therapy provides high-quality coursework and supervised internship experiences designed to train practitioners who wish to practice marriage and family therapy.

The curriculum and degree requirements have been specified and approved by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and are devised to meet the degree requirements for licensure in the state of Arizona for the practice of marriage and family therapy.

At a glance

College/School: <u>The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</u>

• Location: Tempe

Degree requirements

39 credit hours and a master's research paper

The master's degree program in marriage and family therapy requires the successful completion of a minimum of 39 credit hours and a project, including required coursework and completion of 300 client-contact hours in a community internship placement approved by the master's degree in marriage

and family therapy faculty. Internships are expected to last approximately 12 months. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in all coursework and satisfactorily meet the expectations of the agency supervising their internship.

Students are required to have a vehicle and a valid Arizona driver's license for internship placement.

An internship entrance examination is held at the end of the first 7.5-week semester to determine student readiness for internship placement.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution in a related field, such as counseling, psychology, and family and human development, among others.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

- 1. graduate admission application and application fee
- 2. official transcripts
- 3. a personal statement
- 4. resume
- 5. three letters of recommendation
- 6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide <u>proof of English proficiency</u> regardless of their current residency.

Letters of recommendation must be from three people who know the applicant in a professional or academic capacity. Family members and friends do not meet this criterion.

Students should refer to the program's website for detailed information on admission requirements.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about <u>ASU tuition and financial aid</u> options to find out which will work best for them.

Application deadlines

Fall

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Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of system-based Marriage and Family Therapy theories and employ the clinical application of these theories to pursue licensure as an MFT.
- Showcase their clinical competence in the ability to differentiate appropriate Marriage and Family Therapy interventions.
- Construct a solid foundation grounded in system-based theoretical models to meet Marriage and Family Therapy Professional ethics and standards.

Career opportunities

There are many career paths available to students pursuing this degree. A few examples are:

- genetic counselor
- psychologist
- rehabilitation counselor
- school and career counselor
- social and community service manager
- social and human service assistant
- social worker
- substance abuse, behavioral disorder and mental health counselor

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the <u>ASU professional licensure</u> webpage.

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