Marriage and Family Therapy, MAS

The MAS-MFT program is the only MFT program at a state university in Arizona. Our curriculum has been approved by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. Your time is important, and the program's accelerated, applied format means that you will earn your degree in 15 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 that meet the degree requirements for licensure in the State of Arizona for the practice of marriage and family therapy as determined and laid out by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. The degree requirements are specified by the board and the program is designed to train practitioners who wish to practice marriage and family therapy.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

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 applicants must have 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 proof of English proficiency regardless of 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.

**Application Deadlines**

Fall
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

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