



The **Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT)** program will prepare you to lead as a therapist with cultural humility who can critique and transform systems in public mental health clinics, schools and private practice. You will be trained to address a spectrum of challenges such as relationship stressors, family dysfunction, parenting concerns and behavioral difficulties facing families, couples, adults and children. You will learn the best practices of recovery-oriented care and how to meet client needs rather than expecting them to adapt to systems that may not have been designed to work for them.

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Agueda Rivas, MFT 2015 is Director of Intensive and Homeless Services and in this role she supports full service partnerships at large in her agency. Agueda will qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) in March 2027.

Strengthen families
and relationships

60 UNITS OF COURSEWORK

24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE

Through the MFT program, you will gain:

- Expertise in helping individuals attain their life goals
- Skills to aid clients in overcoming barriers to well being
- Knowledge in all relevant aspects of the field, from addiction to trauma
- Eligibility for the California marriage and family therapy license upon meeting state requirements

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

The program meets the requirements established by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. In addition to completing course requirements, you must fulfill the following to be eligible for MFT licensure:

- 3,000 hours of supervised clinical work (you can complete up to 1,000 hours of supervised clinical work during the program, which counts toward the requirement)
- Successful completion of both the CA Law and Ethics exam and the Clinical exam coordinated by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences

90% OF USC ROSSIER MFT ALUMS SAY THEIR DEGREE IS VERY RELATED TO THEIR CURRENT JOB.

92%+ MFT STUDENT PASS RATE FOR THE CLINICAL BBS EXAMS, COMPARED WITH A TYPICAL 70% PASS RATE.

OPTIONAL: PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES SCHOOL COUNSELING CERTIFICATE (PPS-SC)

Following the completion of your master’s degree, you can expand your professional opportunities for school counseling positions by completing the requirements to be recommended for a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) School Counseling credential. The requirements for the PPS-SC credential include the completion of 20 additional units through the PPS-SC Certificate.



SAMPLE COURSES

- Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents
- Psychopathology for Marriage and Family Therapists
- Couples Therapy
- Child and Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Psychopharmacology and the Effects of Substance Abuse
- Perspectives on Human Sexuality
- Interrogating Systems of Inequity in Professional Practice
- Multicultural Counseling: Research and Practice

TUITION

- Tuition for 2022-23 is \$2,137 per unit.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Scholarships ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, dedication to the field of mental health and alignment with the MFT program mission. Applicants who complete an application by rounds one or two will receive primary consideration.

Working full-time in a non-profit or public sector organization can qualify graduates for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program following ten years of employment.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Online application
- Transcripts for application review from each postsecondary institution attended
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé/CV
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Timed writing assessment
- \$90 nonrefundable application fee
- *International applicants only:* TOEFL or IELTS scores
- Interview (by invitation only)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

	APPLICATION DEADLINE	INTERVIEW DAY (by invitation only)	NOTIFICATION DATE
Round 1*	November 1, 2022	December 2, 2022	December 16, 2022
Round 2*	January 15, 2023	February 24, 2023	March 3, 2023
Round 3†	March 15, 2023	April 14, 2023	April 28, 2023

*scholarship priority deadlines

†rolling admission, based on available space

What sets the USC Rossier MFT program apart?

PROGRAM REPUTATION: Benefit from the great demand among local agencies for USC Rossier MFT program students.

COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATION: Become well-versed in best practices through a curriculum that balances research-based learning and self-reflection.

INTIMATE COHORT: Join a tightly knit community of students in small classes, leading to unmatched opportunities for discussion and lifelong colleagues.

SELF-DETERMINED FIELDWORK PLACEMENT: Select your preferred site for your fieldwork and obtain invaluable clinical practice before graduating.

COMMITTED FACULTY MENTORS: Learn from leading professors and top practitioners who will foster your professional growth both inside and outside the classroom.

UNPARALLELED NETWORK: Join USC's renowned lifelong, worldwide Trojan alumni network and benefit from robust MFT alumni community support for consultation and job opportunities.

YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance equity in urban settings and beyond. USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems.

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