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The Master of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) program will prepare you for a career as a culturally competent therapist in clinics, healthcare centers, schools or private practice. The program’s training covers the spectrum of personal and professional problems facing individuals and families, including relationship difficulties, family dysfunction, parenting issues and behavior problems. You will learn how to fit the mental health system to meet the needs of clients, rather than standard methods that force clients to adapt to the system.
Through the MFT program, you will gain:
- Skills to aid clients in overcoming barriers to well-being
- Expertise in helping individuals attain their life goals
- Knowledge in all relevant aspects of the field, from abuse to addiction
- Eligibility for the California marriage and family therapy license upon meeting state requirements.

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PPS) CREDENTIAL
Expand your professional opportunities for K-12 school counseling positions by completing the requirements to be recommended for a PPS credential. The requirements include the completion of 24 additional units through the school counseling certificate program.

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 will complete up to 1,000 hours of supervised clinical work during the program, which counts toward the requirement)
- Successful completion of both the state written exam (multiple choice) and written clinical vignette exam coordinated by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences

SAMPLE COURSES
- Counseling through the Lifespan
- Psychopathology for Marriage and Family Therapists
- Research Methods and Data Analysis for Counselors
- Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy
- Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents
- Psychopharmacology and the Effects of Substance Abuse
- Child and Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Perspectives on Human Sexuality

TUITION
- Tuition for 2017–18 is $1,800 per unit.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
Scholarships ranging from $10,000 to $20,000 are awarded to exemplary candidates. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, dedication to the field of mental health, financial need and other distinguishing characteristics. Candidates who complete an application by December 1 will receive primary consideration.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- Online application
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended
- Résumé/CV
- Official GRE test scores
- Essay and two short answer responses
- Two letters of recommendation
- Interview (by invitation only)
- $90 nonrefundable application fee

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**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 and self-reflection.

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

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