



Strengthen  
families and  
relationships

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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 a system that may not have been designed to work for them.

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 abuse to addiction
- 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 will 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 CREDENTIAL

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 credential include the completion of 23 additional units through the School Counseling Post-Master's Certificate program.



#### 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 2020–21 is \$1,995 per unit.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, dedication to the field of mental health and other distinguishing characteristics. Applicants who complete an application by rounds one or two will receive primary consideration.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

|          | APPLICATION DEADLINE | INTERVIEW DAY (by invitation only) | NOTIFICATION DATE |
|----------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Round 1* | November 1, 2020     | December 2, 2020                   | December 18, 2020 |
| Round 2* | January 15, 2021     | February 19, 2021                  | March 5, 2021     |
| Round 3  | March 15, 2021       | April 16, 2021                     | April 23, 2021    |

\*scholarship priority deadlines

# 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 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.

**RESEARCH-BASED PROGRAM:** Earn your Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy at the only program offered by a Tier 1 research university, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

**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. Ranked as one of the nation's premier education schools by *U.S. News and World Report*, 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 in education.

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