

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY (MSMFT)

“As therapists, we are healers. To come alongside a family in crisis can mean the difference between positive coping and painful isolation. It’s our role to embody hope.”

—MIYOUNG YOON HAMMER, CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY



# PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN A FORMATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Within a community of attentive faculty and supportive peers, MSMFT students at Fuller's School of Psychology are formed to serve as skilled therapists with a theological understanding that richly informs their work.

## INTEGRATION

Fuller's MSMFT program equips students with the theoretical and practical resources to understand and intervene in the complex challenges of family systems, with curriculum that guides them to serve others as a Christian vocation of peacemaking that furthers God's kingdom. Faculty lead students in their personal development of four clinical virtues: humility, compassion, hope, and self-care. While offering substantive training in marital and family therapy, the program also helps students engage in their own journeys of healing and self-discovery—cultivating a deeper understanding of suffering and the grace to be present with those in time of need.

## COMMUNITY FOCUS

Full-time Pasadena students enter the MSMFT program as part of a "cohort," taking the majority of their courses together and sharing the journey of professional and personal development. They also participate in ongoing faculty-led small groups designed to foster clinical virtues and build competence as marital and family therapists.

## CLINICAL TRAINING

Fuller's MSMFT faculty actively participate in the clinical training of students through faculty-led consultation/supervision groups and clinical training opportunities. All MSMFT students earn a minimum of 300 clinical hours and have the opportunity to work in a variety of mental health settings, with some receiving Fuller faculty supervision as they learn specific theoretical models at a secondary site.

*The MSMFT program can be completed in Pasadena, California, in two years (full-time) or three years (partially part-time), or in Phoenix, Arizona, in three years (part-time). The program meets all academic requirements for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (in California or Arizona) or as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (in California only). Students may also complete coursework toward an emphasis in Medical Family Therapy (MedFT).*

***For admission requirements, application deadlines, and program updates, visit [Fuller.edu/MSMFT](http://Fuller.edu/MSMFT).***

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## ***Degree Outline***

*106 quarter units*

*(all courses are 4 units unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Theology/Integration** *24 units*

Introduction to Integration (2 units)  
Integration Formation Group (2 units)  
Old Testament Introduction  
New Testament Introduction  
Practices of Mission  
Christian Ethics  
One elective from a pre-approved list

### **Family Studies** *16 units*

Family Systems Dynamics  
Gender and Sexuality  
Child and Family Development  
Cultural and Ethnic Issues in MFT Interventions

### **Electives** *8 units*

### **Marital and Family Therapy** *36 units*

Legal and Ethical Issues in Family Practice  
Psychopathology and Family Systems  
Family Therapy  
Marital Therapy  
Child and Adolescent Therapy in Family Contexts  
Assessment of Individuals, Couples, and Families  
Addiction and Family Treatment (2 units)  
Vulnerable Family Systems: Addressing Mental Health Disparities and Complex Trauma  
Group Therapy (2 units)  
Psychopharmacology

### **Clinical Training** *18 units*

Clinical Foundations I (2 units)  
Clinical Foundations II (2 units)  
Clinical Foundations III (2 units)  
Practicum (12 units)  
Practicum Consultation (0 units)  
Practicum Supervision (0 units)  
Practicum Continuation (0 units)

### **Family Research** *4 units*

Research Methods, Statistics, and Design in MFT

Fuller Theological Seminary is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada. Fuller's MSMFT curriculum meets the academic requirements of Section 4980.36 or 4980.37 and Section 4999.33 of the State of California Business and Professions Code. Our Department of Marriage and Family is recognized by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences as meeting the standards and educational requirements for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in California. The Fuller Arizona curriculum meets the requirements of Title 4, Chapter 6, Section R4-6-601 of the Arizona Administrative Code. The curriculum is also consistent with the requirements in A.R.S. Title 32, Ch. 33 for licensure in Arizona.