



The Department of Counseling and Human Services at St. Mary's University offers a doctoral degree in the specialization of marriage and family therapy.

Marriage and Family Therapy

The doctoral program in marriage and family therapy develops advanced clinical practitioners who can provide

services in multidisciplinary settings and knowledgeable professionals who can educate other therapists. The program, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, is a 68-semester hour program structured for full time study of approximately three years, with the final year involving a 12-month internship and the student's own dissertation research.

The doctoral internship provides the opportunity to gain clinical experience in multidisciplinary settings. The internship includes at least 500 client

contact hours with 100 hours of supervision by faculty and advanced clinicians. Students see clients at our on-campus clinic, the Family Life Center, or in an approved community site that assists in family therapy training. Students receive individual and group supervision of their clinical practice using direct observation, videotape or audiotape review, and case consultation.

Nature and Purpose

The primary purpose of marriage and family therapy is to increase the integration of marriage and family therapy with the individual and organizational systems in the assessment and treatment of human problems. The objectives are to provide an advanced theoretical base in marriage and family therapy and advance knowledge of supervision, research, and clinical assessment and treatment.

Graduates of this program can assume a leadership role in providing marriage and family therapy services in human service agencies in the public and private sectors and in educating future professionals in marriage and family therapy.

Program of Study

The doctoral marriage and family therapy program consists of 68 hours beyond the master's degree, including 33 hours of general core requirements, 14 hours of clinical experience, 8 hours of specialization, 7 hours of elective courses and 6 hours of dissertation.

In addition the Department of Counseling and Human Services has a number of concentration areas within the

doctoral program in marriage and family therapy. They are:

- Rehabilitation Counseling**
- Neurofeedback Therapy**
- Relational-Cultural Theory and Social Justice**
- Play Therapy**

Admission Requirements

Admission is only granted to those with high promise for success in doctoral study and is based on the following prerequisites:

- A minimum index based upon the following program $200 \times \text{GPA}$ plus the average GRE [verbal + quantitative + analytical divided by 3] = 1200
- Positive recommendations from past employers relating to professional counseling experience, as well as previous graduate studies
- Positive recommendations from Graduate Admissions Committee of the Department of Counseling and Human Services.
- Be evaluated favorably during an interview by departmental faculty

Individuals should apply by Feb. 1 for entry in the fall semester.

Career Opportunities

Marriage and family therapists are employed in social agencies, churches and counseling offices, while many have entered private practices. Some are using their skills in careers such as nursing, teaching, ministry, personnel management or social work, while others have created new positions for themselves in areas that previously were without a marriage and family therapist. Career opportunities in the field of marriage and family therapy are still developing.



Teaching is another option available to those who receive doctoral degrees. Most college and university positions are restricted to those with doctoral degrees.

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History

Sixteen years after the fall of the Alamo, seven years after Texas gained statehood and nine years before the onset of the American Civil War, Marianist brothers and priests brought Catholic education to San Antonio when, in 1852, they opened St. Mary's Institute in temporary quarters at Military Plaza. From that pioneer effort grew St. Mary's University.

With a permanent site on the bend of the San Antonio River in 1853, the school expanded its programs, progressively added new buildings and became chartered as St. Mary's College by the State of Texas in 1882.

Overcrowding in the downtown area demanded expansion, and in 1894 St. Louis College, which adopted the name St. Mary's College, became St. Mary's University in 1927.

In 1934 the San Antonio Law School, founded in 1927, became a part of the University. Graduate programs were added in 1936. Women were integrated into all schools when St. Mary's became coeducational in 1963.

Today, with more than 3,900 students – and 31,000 alumni – the scenic 135-acre campus is home to five schools: Humanities and Social Sciences; Bill Greehey School of Business; Science, Engineering and Technology; Graduate; and Law.

St. Mary's University, the oldest and largest Catholic institution of higher education in the Southwest, also is the only Catholic University in the region with a law school.

The Marianist mission of academic excellence, ethical commitment and service to society continues to thrive at St. Mary's University today.

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