

Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling Concentration

Students pursuing careers in marriage, couple, and family counseling should begin to explore relevant populations and settings when enrolled in HDC 501. Course assignments thereafter should be designed to develop knowledge and skills specific to the emphasis chosen. In order to develop and demonstrate skills unique to their selected concentration, marriage, couple and family counseling students must take four specialization courses that emphasize working systemically within relational contexts. Clinical experience placements for marriage, couple, and family counseling students will take place in approved community agencies. Students enrolled in the marriage, couple, and family counseling concentration must complete a minimum of 120 hours of direct service in marriage, couple, or family counseling during their practicum and internship (combined). Consultation with the marriage, couple, and family counseling concentration coordinator is required to ensure curricular and clinical experience requirements are met.

The Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (MCFC) concentration within the HDC department includes four additional courses (12 credit hours) beyond the core curriculum of 49 credit hours for a total of 61 required credit hours.

Core Curriculum

HDC 501	Fundamental Issues and Ethics in Counseling	3
HDC 511	Theories of Counseling	3
HDC 512	Prepracticum	3
HDC 513	Group Counseling	3
HDC 515	Multicultural Counseling	3
HDC 521	Developmental Counseling	3
HDC 524	Career/Lifestyle Counseling	3
HDC 525	Alcoholism and Substance Abuse	3
HDC 533	Family Dynamics	3
HDC 543	Consultation and Crisis Intervention	3
HDC 546	Psychopathology and the DSM	3
HDC 575	Appraisal Techniques in Counseling	3
HDC 577	Research Methods	3
HDC 585	Comprehensive Examination Registration	1
HDC 587	Professional Experience: Practicum	3
HDC 590	Professional Experience: Internship	1-6

Concentration Requirements

HDC 534	Introduction To Family Counseling	3
HDC 537	Couple Counseling	3
HDC 545	Sexual Dysfunction and Family Violence	3
HDC 558	Theories of Family Counseling	3

Total Hours		61
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All course work should emphasize specialized knowledge and skills needed for a particular setting or client population.