Program Overview

The Master’s of Science in Counseling with dual School Counseling Credential and Marriage and Family Therapy program is designed to promote social justice and democracy by preparing knowledgeable and competent professional Marriage and Family Therapists. The School Counseling/Marriage and Family Therapy Program is committed to training School Counselors in the ASCA National Model in order to implement comprehensive school counseling programs that support all students.

Prerequisite Requirements

- STAT 100 Elements of Statistics and Probability
- PSYC 340 Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 381 Psychopathology

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- University application (submitted via CSU online application)
- Department application
- Personal Statement
- Certificate of Clearance
- Basic Skills Requirement (CBEST or other score report)
- Three letters of reference
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Information Sessions

Prospective Applicants are invited to attend our information sessions, conducted by our Program Coordinators on various dates and times. These sessions also include an open forum Q&A afterwards.

For current session schedule visit our website: www.csueastbay.edu/epsy/info-sessions.html

Three Programs in One

Marriage & Family Therapy Licensure Preparation
Pupil Personnel Services Credential: School Counseling
MS in Counseling School Counseling

Program Information

- Full time, 2 year program
- Fall Admissions
- Hayward campus only

Certification Information

- M.S in Counseling, School Psychology
- Pupil Personnel Services Credential: School Counseling
- Marriage and Family Therapy License (MFT) Preparation

More Information

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Clinical Work and Fieldwork

School Counselors-in-Training/Marriage and Family Therapists trainees are required to provide a minimum amount of hours in the field. They are prepared for work with youth and adults who are struggling with both normal life problems and more severe pathologies. We orient trainees to promote resilience and practice strength-based interventions. We are proud of the fact that students engage in fieldwork and coursework simultaneously, so they are able to directly apply theory to practice.

Coursework and fieldwork experiences emphasize the development of the student's ability to provide comprehensive developmental school counseling programs meeting national and state standards. Students acquire the skills to develop classroom and small group guidance curriculum. They also learn to conduct individual and group therapy, guidance counseling, consultation, and to provide leadership in the creation and evaluation of integrated, comprehensive prevention and intervention programs.

All admitted students will:

- Enroll in full-time coursework 2 academic years (day, evening, and weekend courses);
- Participate in fieldwork 1 ½ to 2 days per week, for entire academic year (450 hours per year);
- Complete specific activities and supervised experiences that meet the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and Board of Behavioral Sciences requirements;
- Complete mandatory marriage and family therapy training hours in the Community Counseling Clinic.

Cohort and Course Structure

A "cohort" is a group of professionals who enter, move through, and graduate from the program in the same group, at the same time. The CCSP is a full-time, three-year program. Courses are offered in a defined cohort sequence during fall, winter, and spring terms, during the day, evening, and on some weekends. Candidates may choose to complete the MFT option as part of their degree program.

Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPS): School Counseling

This credential is required for work as a counselor in the public schools, and is approved by the California Commission of Teacher Credentialing (CTC). The commission sets the standards and competencies for the state, and CSU East Bay's program is designed to incorporate all knowledge, skills and practical experiences required to meet those expectations.

Marriage and Family Therapy License Preparation

The Department does not issue licenses. Our Counseling Programs is designed to meet the educational requirements for the California State MFT License issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. This license requires additional experience beyond degrees, as well as written and oral exams administered by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

- Marriage and Family Therapy License
- 3,000 hours of supervised experience
- Standard Written examination and Written Clinical Vignette examination

Candidates successfully completing the program may apply for an MFT Intern License with the California Board of Behavioral Science; additional hours and an exam are required for licensure. Please refer to [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov) for additional information.