

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy at UNLV is to provide quality training in the theory and practice of marriage and family therapy.

We are committed to helping students become competent professionals through developing greater self-awareness, appreciating and embracing diversity, learning the art and science of clinical practice, and promoting a sense of ethical behavior, professionalism and professional identity.

The Marriage and Family Therapy program is geared toward providing students with comprehensive training in marriage and family therapy that includes a core set of courses in marriage and family therapy theory and practice.

Students who complete the program have one of the highest pass rates in the country on the national marriage and family therapy exam. Students are well prepared to work in agencies, private practice, or pursue doctoral level training.

For additional information and application material, please see our website, call us, or write:

### Department Of Marriage and Family Therapy

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### Graduate College

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The UNLV MFT Department promotes didactic and clinical competency among those training to become professional therapists. All department faculty, staff and students will maintain respect for differences and honor factors that reflect diversity in our community, including: age, culture, environment, ethnicity, gender,

health and ability, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, spirituality, and socioeconomic status.

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## Marriage and Family Therapy Training Program

The M.S. degree in Marriage and Family Therapy leads to state licensure as a MFT. MFTs work with individuals, couples, families, and groups on mental health, behavioral, personal, and/or relational concerns in public, private, not-for-profit agencies, hospitals, and private practice.

### Accreditation

The MFT department is currently pursuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

### Advanced Graduate Certificate

Applicants who have earned a Master's Degree in a related mental health field, but who have not completed the requirements for licensure as delineated by the State of Nevada Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners, may complete a course of study designed to comply with the state's requirements. Once admitted, certificate students are viewed by the department as full participants in the department.

### Center for Individual, Couple, and Family Therapy (CICFC)

Once students have completed pre-requisite course work and have been approved by faculty, students may begin seeing clients. Students receive intensive supervision of hands-on clinical work

which includes the use of videotaping and observation behind one way mirrors in our therapy center, the Center for Individual, Couple, and Family Counseling which serves a diverse population in the surrounding community. Live and video-tape supervision is available.

The clinical work is a core part of the training program, allowing students to synthesize knowledge, skills, use-of-self, and practical research and problem solving abilities to assist clients. To graduate, students must complete 500 supervised clinical work of face-to-face client hours 40% of which must be done with couples and/or families. This practicum experience fully prepares students for their internship work.

Supervision is provided by AAMFT approved supervisors, supervisor candidates or the equivalent. All faculty members are productive in generating new research in the field and have national and/or international reputations.

For inquiries please contact us at:  
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### Faculty:

Gerald R. Weeks Ph.D., ABPP  
Colleen M. Peterson Ph.D.  
Stephen T. Fife Ph.D.  
Katherine M. Hertlein Ph.D.  
Kathleen Briggs Ph.D.

See webpage for complete faculty listings.

### Admissions

Admission to the program is competitive. Decisions are based on the following:

- GPA - GRE scores - Essays
- Work Experience - References

Please visit our website to view our admission requirements

### Application Process

You may visit our department website at <http://mft.unlv.edu/index.html> for application information and materials.

Please contact the Graduate College at (702) 895-3320 or visit their website <http://www.unlv.edu/Colleges/Graduate/> for a UNLV application information.

Completed applications to both the MFT Department and the Graduate College is required and must be received by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Assistance

Information on opportunities for grants, loans, and employment for graduate students may be obtained by contacting Student Financial Services at (702) 895-3424 or <http://financialaid.unlv.edu/>

The MFT department also has a limited number of Graduate Assistant positions which include tuition assistance. Please visit the department website for the GA application.