

COUNSELING: MARRIAGE COUPLE & FAMILY

Master of Science

CAREER OPTIONS

With a Master's degree in Marriage Couple and Family Counseling, you can find employment in many of the following specializations:

- Community Agencies
- County and State Agencies
- Hospitals
- Private Practice
- Consulting



HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the University application for the Office of Graduate Studies: [csus.edu/gradstudies](https://www.csus.edu/gradstudies)
- Complete the supplemental program application during an open application period: <https://www.csus.edu/college/education/masters-programs/apply.html>

The College of Education
www.csus.edu/coe



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Counselor Education Description

The Counselor Education program seeks to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address the needs and concerns of a diverse society. Graduates leave with a strong foundation in counseling theories and techniques to apply in a multicultural society. Emphasis is placed on both personal and professional development with experiential learning infused throughout the entire curriculum. As an important part of their development as professional counselors, students are required to participate in their own personal counseling with professionals not affiliated with our educational programs.

Marriage Couple Family Counseling Specialization

The Marriage Couple Family Counseling Specialization is designed to provide students with all the educational competencies required by the California State Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT). The program trains professionals to work in a variety of settings: community based mental health, county, and state agencies, hospitals and private practice. The program also prepares students to provide consulting to businesses and agencies. Emphasis is placed on developmental and preventative concerns, social justice, and cultural responsiveness.

Program Goals

- To prepare counselors to work effectively with teachers, administrators, school staff, parents and community members.
- To prepare counselors to work in collaboration with community agencies that serve children, youth, and families.



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree
- Good academic standing at the last college attended
- A grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester / 90 quarter units
- Completion of the University application materials
- Completion and submission of all Departmental application materials (see website for more details)



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

SEMESTER 1

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDC 210	3	Multicultural Counseling
EDC 216	3	Counseling Theory
EDC 218	3	Assessment in Counseling
EDC 280	2	Practicum in Communication

SEMESTER 2

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDC 234	3	Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling
EDC 214	3	Dynamics of Human Development
EDC 250	3	Education Research
EDC 260	3	Career Development

SEMESTER 3

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDC 219	3	Group Processes in Counseling
EDC 231	3	Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
EDC 252	3	Legal and Ethical Issues in Professional Counseling
EDC 476	1	Practicum in Marriage Couple Family Counseling

SEMESTER 4

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDC 233	3	Substance Use and Addiction
EDC 212	3	Couples Counseling: Gender, Sexuality, & Power
EDC 475	3	Practicum in Counseling

SEMESTER 5

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDC 244	3	Trauma and Crisis Counseling
EDC 238	2	Professional Issues in MFT
EDC 480	3	Field Study in Counseling

SEMESTER 6

COURSE	UNITS	TITLE
EDC 254	3	Counseling and Psychotropic Medicine
EDC 480	3	Field Study in Counseling
EDC 500	1	Master's Culminating Experience
EDC 272 or 242	3	Counseling Children & Youth OR Play & Art Therapy

Master's Culminating Experience

Counselor Preparation and Comprehensive Examination (CPCE): Students enroll in EDC 500 (1 unit) in their final semester and complete their culminating examination, the CPCE is a national exam used in counselor education programs. The areas assessed include the following content areas: (C1) Professional Orientation and Ethical Practice; (C2) Social & Cultural Diversity; (C3) Human Growth & Development; (C4) Career Development; (C5) Counseling & Helping Relationships; (C6) Group Counseling & Group Work; (C7) Assessment and Testing; and (C8) Research and Program Evaluation.