Marriage and Family Therapy Program Mission

The mission of Northcentral’s Marriage and Family Therapy Program is to prepare competent, ethical, culturally sensitive Marriage and Family Therapists. The program emphasizes a family systems perspective so that client processes, whether these clients are individuals, couples, or families, are contextually conceptualized. Faculty engage students in a one-on-one process that invites students to grow both professionally and personally through the development of critical thinking skills, information literacy, important clinical skills, an appreciation for research through the scholar-practitioner model, a valuing of diversity, and a lifelong commitment to learning and service.

Student Learning Outcome (SLO)

- Students will learn how to interact professionally with diverse populations in academic, clinical, supervision and research settings (SLO #1).
- Students will demonstrate an advanced knowledge of and application of clinical skills in systemic therapy and supervision (SLO #2).
- Students will demonstrate a doctoral-level knowledge of and skill in conducting research within the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (SLO #3).
- Students will demonstrate professional expertise in an area of specialization related to the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (SLO #4).

Program Outcomes (PO)

- The MFT program will demonstrate a clear commitment to diversity through curriculum content, student and faculty composition, and demonstrated ability of graduates to work with diverse populations (PO #1).
- Graduates of the program that desire a career in MFT will be successful in pursuing a career in Marriage and Family Therapy (PO #2).
- The program will support an environment that fosters research in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (PO #3).
- The program will foster in students a clear identity as a Marriage and Family Therapist (PO #4).

Faculty Outcomes (FO)

- Faculty members will demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity within the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (FO #1).
- Faculty will actively pursue professional development that enhances their ability to teach in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (FO #2).
- Faculty members will demonstrate knowledge of and skill in conducting research within the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (FO #3).
- As part of their professional identity as Marriage and Family Therapists, faculty will participate in activities that contribute to a better community and society (FO #4).