

## Marriage and Family Therapy Application Disclosure Form

The MFT program follows requirements for California licensure as an MFT and national accreditation standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). In keeping with these standards and specific program objectives, the following expectations are articulated. I understand that:

- a. Under California state law for Marriage and Family Therapists, as regulated by the Board of Behavioral Sciences, students may not qualify for licensure, even if completing all educational and clinical training requirements, if:
  - i. An applicant for licensure has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any misdemeanors or felonies. He/she will need to disclose convictions dismissed under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code. He/she will not need to include offenses prior to the 18th birthday, or any traffic violations for which a fine of \$100 or less was imposed.
  - ii. If an applicant has ever been denied a professional license; or if he/she has ever had license privileges suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined, or voluntarily surrendered any such license, he/she must disclose this to the BBS.
- b. In keeping with COAMFTE accreditation standards, the program requires completion of 500 direct hours of therapy practice and 100 hours of supervision. Two hundred fifty of these practice hours must be relational hours, meaning that therapy will be conducted with couples and families.
- c. In keeping with COAMFTE accreditation standards, the program requires a minimum of 50 hours of the 100 hours of supervision be provided via direct access to the live data of therapy (i.e. live supervision, videotape, and audiotape). "Live supervision" means supervision via direct observation and interaction or via access to videotapes or audiotapes of clinical work.
- d. Students are expected to complete a minimum of 12 hours of personal psychotherapy during the program. The program does not request information on the content of psychotherapy.
- e. The program requires year round participation. You will be taking classes in the summer.
- f. Students must join the professional organizations of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (and its California division, AAMFT-CA) and the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and purchase Professional Liability Insurance for MFTs.
- g. Students are expected to adhere to the AAMFT and CAMFT Codes of Ethics as well as university standards for academic integrity and the Ethical Code for SDSU Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- h. Becoming an MFT involves growth through educational coursework, clinical experience, scholarly inquiry, exploration of the self and others' worlds, cross-cultural readiness and development of a professional identity and commitment. The program provides learning experiences and requires participation in all of these dimensions of professional development.

I have read the above and understand these requirements (digital signature and date constitutes your true signature)

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*Name*

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