FAMILY THERAPY, M.A.

The Master of Arts in family therapy at Saint Louis University is based on a systemic/relational view of individuals, couples and families. It fulfills the course and practicum requirements toward licensure in Missouri as a licensed marital and family therapist. A concentration in medical family therapy is also available.

Curriculum Overview
The program requires a minimum of 60 credit hours beyond a bachelor’s degree. Prerequisites include 18 credit hours in the behavioral sciences. Program requirements include didactic courses, two semesters of practicum, three semesters of internship in a community setting and a minimum of 500 hours of direct clinical contact. The concentration in medical family therapy prepares students to function as part of an integrated care team in addressing the biopsychosocial needs of individuals and families.

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Fieldwork and Research Opportunities
Graduate students perform research projects by working with a faculty mentor whose research interests match their own. Doctoral students are expected to publish and present a minimum of two research projects.

The center’s faculty are engaged in multidisciplinary research of biological structure and function ranging from ultrastructural to gross anatomical levels, with a major interest in clinically relevant anatomy and neurobiology. Other research interests include cell biology and pathobiology. Facilities are available for autoradiography, electrophysiology, gel electrophoresis, immunoblotting, immunostaining, (immunocytochemistry, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence), high-performance liquid chromatography, in situ hybridization, microsurgery, stereotoxic neurosurgery, microinjections and animal behavioral assays. The center is also equipped to perform optical imaging, including bright field, phase contrast and fluorescence microscopy.

Careers
Possible careers in medical family therapy include:

• Academic positions
• Research positions
• Clinical positions in medical and mental health centers
• Private practice and consulting

Admission Requirements
A minimum of 18 credit hours of undergraduate coursework in the social sciences.

Application Requirements
• Online application and fee
• Transcript(s)
• Three letters of recommendation
• GRE scores
• Résumé

Requirements for International Students
All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

• Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency)
• Proof of financial support must include:
  • A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  • A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
• Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadline
Students should apply by Jan. 15. After applications are received, students may be invited to campus for group and individual interviews with program faculty. Interviews for the 2018-19 school year will be held Feb. 15 and Feb. 16, 2018.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
For more information, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Accreditation
Both the M.A. and Ph.D. in Medical Family Therapy at Saint Louis University are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), 112 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703.838.9808.

Learning Outcomes
• Graduates will be able to compare and contrast the major theoretical orientations related to the field of marriage and family therapy.
• Graduates will attain competency in entry-level marriage and family therapy skills. Sub-objectives:
  • Admission, Assessment and Diagnosis
  • Treatment Planning and Case Management
  • Therapeutic Interventions
  • Legal Issues, Ethics and Standards
  • Use of Supervision and Practicum
  • Social Justice Issues and Self-Awareness
• Graduates will be able to understand and use research in clinical practice.
• Graduates will be able to contribute to competent clinical services and the profession through professional and scholarly modes of communication.
• Graduates will attain an increased cultural competence in working with diverse populations.
• Graduates will be able to demonstrate personal and professional skills that promote social justice through involvement and leadership in their communities.
• Graduates will be able to effectively communicate their values and demonstrate how they guide their personal and professional lives.

Requirements

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Medical Family Therapy Concentration

The M.A. concentration in medical family therapy prepares students to address the emotional and physical needs of individuals and families as part of an integrated care team. A portion of the internship is completed in a primary or specialty care setting working collaboratively with physicians and allied health professionals in delivering behavioral and mental health services to patients and their families.

Required courses in addition to required core courses are:

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Project Option

The project option is appropriate if students want to teach human anatomy structure and function, or if students are undecided about a career in the health professions and want to improve their academic background before applying to professional schools. It provides training in anatomy with a capstone project. A total of 30 credits is necessary to complete the degree.

Qualifying Examination and Defense

Upon completion of the core curriculum, the student must identify an independent study project under the guidance of a Center for Anatomical
Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.