

## Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy

**Application window for Fall 2024 Admissions: October 1, 2023 through December 15, 2023**

### ❑ 2 APPLICATIONS: ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE **BOTH** APPLICATIONS.

1. **CSUN University: Apply to the University through Cal State Apply:** <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
2. **Department/Program: Apply to the Department through College Net.**  
A link to the Department Application can be found on the Prospective Student webpage when the application cycle begins: <https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/educational-psychology-counseling/prospective-students>
  - If you are a current CSUN Master's degree student from a department other than EPC, please submit a copy of a completed Change of Objective Request form (submit original to Admissions and Records): [https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/Change-Objective-Grad-Students\\_3.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/Change-Objective-Grad-Students_3.pdf)

### ❑ TRANSCRIPTS

- **Official Transcripts:** Submit **official** transcript(s) to CSUN's Office of Admissions and Records directly from the institution(s) attended. *\*If you attended CSUN, you do not need to submit official transcripts for coursework completed at CSUN.*
- **Unofficial Transcripts:** All applicants must upload **unofficial** transcripts to the Department Application (on College Net) from every higher education institution attended, including CSUN.  
*Please highlight all prerequisite courses completed or in progress on the unofficial transcript(s).*

### ❑ RECOMMENDATIONS

- All applicants are strongly encouraged to submit three (3) letters of recommendation from academic or professional references. A minimum of two (2) letters must be received by the submission due date for an application to be considered. Candidates are responsible for following through with their references to ensure the letters are received by the deadline.
- You will be asked to provide the names and contact information for your recommenders on the Department Application (College Net). The College Net e-response system will contact your recommenders directly to upload their letter of recommendation on College Net.

### ❑ TEST SCORES (IF APPLICABLE)

- **Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test (Updated for Fall 2024)**  
The [GRE General Test](#) is required for any applicant with an overall cumulative undergraduate GPA below a 3.0.

**Note:** Upload a copy of your GRE score report and enter scores to the Dept. Application by the application deadline. Please plan ahead if you need to take the GRE, as it may take 10-15 days after your test date to receive your scores. For information on the GRE General Test, please visit the ETS website: <https://www.ets.org/gre/test-takers/general-test/about.html>

- **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):**  
Required only of students whose Bachelor's degree was awarded by an institution where the primary language of instruction was other than English. Upload scores if applicable.

## ❑ PERSONAL STATEMENT

Write and upload a statement of purpose that responds to the following prompts, using APA-style headings to structure your response to the four (4) prompts. Your statement may be no longer than two (2) double-spaced pages in 12-point Times New Roman font. You will upload this to the Department Application.

1. What motivates you to want to become a Marriage and Family Therapist?
2. What experience do you have in mental health and related fields?
3. At this point, is there any particular population you want to work with and why?
4. Describe how you have cultivated your own self-understanding and awareness of others.

## ❑ CURRENT RESUME

Include both paid and volunteer experiences. Please upload your resume to the Department Application.

## ❑ PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK (**UPDATED FOR FALL 2024**)

- The MFT program requires two (2) prerequisite courses:
  - **EPC 451: Fundamentals of Counseling and Guidance**
  - **PSY 310: Abnormal Psychology**
- **Courses must be completed no more than seven (7) years prior to the time of admission with a grade of B minus or higher.**
- You may still **apply** to the program even if you have not completed the prerequisites. **All courses must be successfully completed before entry.** \*We recommend earlier completion of the prerequisites to strengthen your application.
- On the Department Application, you will be able to indicate the status of your prerequisite coursework (i.e., taken, in progress, or plan to take).
- **Where to take the prerequisites:**
  - You may take the prerequisite courses at **CSUN** during the [Summer session at CSUN's Tseng College](#) (for non-CSUN students) or during any semester (for current CSUN students).
  - **OR** you can take a **course equivalent** at another college on our *Pre-approved Course Substitution List*. There are many community colleges, CSUs, and UCs on this extensive list: <https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/educational-psychology-counseling/pre-approved-undergraduate-course-substitutions>
- If you are making a request for a course substitution that is not on our Pre-approved Course Substitution list, complete a *Prerequisite Course Substitution Form* <https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/EPC-Prerequisite-Substitution-Form.pdf> and e-mail it to [epcadmin@csun.edu](mailto:epcadmin@csun.edu). The department will review your request and determine if the course meets the requirements to satisfy the prerequisite.

*This checklist is for organizational purposes. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements for admissions are met. **If you have any questions, please contact us at 818-677-2599 or e-mail us at [epcadmin@csun.edu](mailto:epcadmin@csun.edu).***