

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling (M.A.)

2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

EARLY CORE COURSES (21 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	Grade					
COUC 500	Orientation to Counselor Profession Identity & Function	3							
COUC 501	Ethical & Legal Issues in Counseling	3							
COUC 502	Human Growth & Development	3							
COUC 504	Multicultural Counseling	3							
COUC 505	Counseling Techniques/Helping Relationship	3							
COUC 506	Integration of Spirituality & Counseling	3							
COUC 510	Theories of Counseling	3							
ADVANCED CORE COURSES (18 hours)									
COUC 512	Group Counseling ¹	3							
COUC 515	Research & Program Evaluation ²	3							
COUC 521	Assessment Techniques in Counseling	3							
COUC 522	Career Development & Counseling	3							
COUC 546	Psychopathology	3							
COUC 601	Theories of Family Systems	3							
SPECIALIZATION COURSES (18 hours)									
CEFS 670	Comprehensive Exam-CPCE ³								
CEFS 671	Comprehensive Exam-Integration ³								
COUC 602	Assessment, Diagnosis, & Treatment Planning in Marriage &								
	Family Counseling	3							
COUC 603	Advanced Couple & Marital Counseling	3							
COUC 620	Counseling Children, Adolescents, & Families	3							
COUC 698	Counseling Practicum	3							
COUC 699	Counseling Internship ⁴								
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MARRIAGE & FAMILY ELECTIVES (3 hours)									
Choose one of									
COUC 610	Human Sexuality	3							
COUC 691	Substance Abuse: Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention ⁵	3							
	TOTAL HOURS	60							

Graduation Requirements

Complete 60 total hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level 3.0~GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-) No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-) Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam

Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit Degree must be completed within 7 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Resident Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

²Students must successfully complete three hours of undergraduate coursework in statistics. Those who did not complete these courses in their undergraduate programs may fulfill this prerequisite requirement during the first two semesters of the program ³Counseling Comprehensive Exam Prerequisites: COUC 500, 501, 502, 504, 505, 506,

510, 512, 515, 521, 522, 546, 601, & CEFS 602

⁵Three hours of coursework in diagnosis and treatment of addictive behaviors is required in Virginia for LMFTs

Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

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¹A background check will be required.

⁴Course may be taken a third time

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

		Second Semester		
	3	COUC 504		3
	3	COUC 505		3
	3	COUC 510		<u>3</u>
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		Fourth Semester		
	3	COUC 521		3
	3	COUC 546		3
	<u>3</u>	COUC 601		<u>3</u>
Γotal	9		Total	9
		Sixth Semester		
	3	Elective ²		3
	3	COUC 699 ³		3
	<u>3</u>	COUC 603 or 620		3
Γotal	9	CEFS 670 ¹		0
		CEFS 671 ¹		0
			Total	9
	3			
COUC 699 ³				
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¹Counseling Comprehensive Exam prerequisites: COUC 500, 501, 502, 504, 505, 506, 510, 512, 515, 521, 522, 546, 601, and 602

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²Choose one the following courses: COUC 610 or 691**

³Course may be taken a third time

^{**}Remember: The M.A. Marriage and Family Counseling program is designed to meet the Virginia Board of Counseling educational requirements for license as a Marriage and Family Therapist. Additionally, the Virginia Board of Counseling requires 3 hours of coursework in diagnosis and treatment of addictive behaviors for LMFTs.