

**Medical Family Therapy Certificate Coursework and Prerequisites for Post-Masters
Students with Degrees Outside of Marriage and Family Therapy**

Post-graduate Certification

The core specialization courses for the Medical Family Certification include:

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| 1. Medical Family Therapy: Theory and Practice (W)** | 3 units |
| 2. Applied Medical Family Therapy (Su)** | 3 units |
| 3. Beliefs, Spirituality and Health (Sp) | 3 units |
| 4. Psychopharmacology, Physiology and Medical Issues (F)** | 3 units |
| 5. 12 month Clinical Practicum | 8 units |

Total: 20 units

Students who have received their graduate training in the behavioral sciences, allied health, theology, nursing or medicine may apply to earn a certificate in medical family therapy. An applicant's graduate course content will be evaluated against the theoretical and clinical courses of the certification. Course content and experience *not received* in their graduate training will make up a portion of the course requirements needed. Depending on past coursework, a post-graduate new student may need between 20 – 36 credits to complete the program. Most post-graduate students will take these classes over a two year sequence, completing coursework in the first year and practicum in the second year.

A meeting with the MDFT Director will be scheduled to review past transcripts and identify missing course experience.

Course #	Course Title	Credits Needed
	Theoretical Foundations of Marriage and Family Therapy	
MFT 6300**	Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy I (F)	3
MFT 6303**	Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy II (W)	3
MFT 6301	Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy I (W)	Strongly Recommended
	Clinical Practice	
MFT 6110	Human Sexuality (Sp)	3
	Individual and Life Cycle Development & Family Relations	
	Courses offered through SPU and other institutions will be considered on an individual basis. Courses from the SPU-MFT program that fulfill this area include: MFT 6670, 6641-43, 6400, 6410, 6610, 6200, 6210, 6360	3
	Professional Identity & Ethics	
MFT 6810**	Issues, Ethics & Law (or equivalent course from students' graduate program). (Sp)	3
	Research	
MFT 6700	Graduate Research (Sp)	1
	Total Credits	20 – 45

** Courses must be completed prior to beginning the practicum sequence.