

# MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY (M.A.)

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Early Core Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
CEFS 500	Orientation to Counselors Professional Identity and Function	3
CEFS 501	Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling	3
CEFS 502	Human Growth and Development	3
CEFS 504	Multicultural Counseling	3
CEFS 505	Counseling Techniques and the Helping Relationship <sup>2</sup>	3
CEFS 506	Integration of Spirituality and Counseling	3
CEFS 510	Theories of Counseling	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must successfully complete three hours of undergraduate coursework in statistics. Those who did not complete this course during their undergraduate program may fulfill this prerequisite requirement during the first two semesters of the program

<sup>2</sup> Course offered in Synchronous Online Format

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Advanced Core Courses</b>		
CEFS 512	Group Counseling <sup>1,2</sup>	3
CEFS 515	Research and Program Evaluation	3
CEFS 521	Assessment Techniques in Counseling	3
CEFS 522	Career Development and Counseling	3
CEFS 546	Psychopathology	3
CEFS 601	Theories of Family Systems	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in Synchronous Online Format

<sup>2</sup> A background check will be required

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Specialization Courses</b>		
CEFS 602	Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment Planning in Marriage and Family Counseling	3
CEFS 603	Advanced Couple & Marital Counseling	3
CEFS 620	Counseling Children, Adolescents, and Their Families	3
CEFS 670	Comprehensive Exam - CPCE <sup>1</sup>	0
CEFS 671	Comprehensive Exam - Integration <sup>1</sup>	0
CEFS 698	Practicum	3
CEFS 699	Counseling Internship <sup>2</sup>	3
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<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Counseling Comprehensive Exam prerequisites: CEFS 500, CEFS 501, CEFS 502, CEFS 504, CEFS 505, CEFS 506, CEFS 510, CEFS 512, CEFS 515, CEFS 521, CEFS 522, CEFS 546, CEFS 601, and CEFS 602

<sup>2</sup> Course may be repeated a third time

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Elective Course</b>		
Choose one of the following:		3
CEFS 610	Human Sexuality	
CEFS 691	Substance Abuse: Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> CEFS 691 is required by Virginia Licensing Board for LMFT

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 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

## Program Offered in Online Format