

Graduate Certificate Couple, Marriage, and Family Counseling

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 12 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- The Graduate Certificate in Couple, Marriage and Family Counseling (CMFC) may be pursued as a stand-alone credential or in conjunction with the Master's Degree in Education in counseling, the Master's in Social Work degree, the Ed.D., or the Ph.D. in Education.
- With advance planning, all 12 credits may be applied to the Master's of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.
- Completion of the CMFC certificate, however, does not guarantee acceptance into any other degree program (which requires a separate application for admission).

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
 - a. Description of individual goals and areas of interest.
3. Current "good standing" (non-probation) in an UMSL graduate mental health practitioner training program counseling, social work, or psychology)

OR

All of the following criteria must be met:

1. Undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better;
2. Enrollment in a graduate mental health practitioner or related training program or earned Master's degree in mental health field (or related);
3. Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a current or former college-level instructor (or someone with a graduate degree who can attest to the applicant's capacity to complete graduate-level work);
4. Two-page personal statement explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals.

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

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Advising

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