

Admission Requirements for the Marriage and Family Therapy Program

Admission to the MFT program is made on a competitive basis one time per year. All applications must be completed with all required materials and received by **February 1** for fall only admission. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Candidates for admission will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Grade Point Average (GPA): Minimum 2.70 grade point average (GPA) for all undergraduate courses and a 3.00 for all graduate courses, based on a 4.00-point scale where A is 4.00

NOTE: Applicants who earned a GPA less than the minimum requirement must address the details surrounding their GPA within their personal essay (see criterion 3.e.) or their application will not be considered for possible admission to the program.

2. Two recommendations from individuals who know your academic competence, character, or professional work. **Note:** Personal references from family members, friends, neighbors, or personal therapist will not be accepted.

3. Personal essay regarding your motivation and readiness to pursue a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Please include the following (three pages maximum, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font):

- a. Personal and professional experiences and reasons that influenced you to pursue the field of Marriage and Family Therapy.
- b. Personal characteristics you believe will contribute to your educational success in the CCSU Marriage and Family Therapy program as well as your success as a Marriage and Family Therapist after graduation.
- c. Comment on your definition of family.
- d. Comment on any personal and/or professional experiences you have had with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- e. Description of reasons for earning a GPA less than the minimum requirements, steps taken to overcome the issue(s), and results of integrating this experience that allowed you to positively become the person you are today as well as evolve into the person you ideally want to become (see the ***NOTE:** within criterion 1 for those applicants to whom this applies).

4. Resume: Submit a current resume

5. Interview: After reviewing application materials, qualified applicants will be invited to interview with the Marriage and Family Therapy Faculty.

The online graduate application, application fee, and official transcripts from each institution attended except Central Connecticut State University are to be submitted directly to Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

Instructions for uploading the personal essay and resume and for submitting the recommendation letters will be found within the online application.