



Central Connecticut State University  
Master's Program in Marriage and Family Therapy

**Guidelines for School-Based Practicum Placements**

- 1) Students must be placed in a public school for a minimum of 300 clock hours (easily obtained through the MFT program's requirement of 12 hours per week). Your MFT 593 and MFT 594 seminar meets the state's requirement for "joint supervision" between the school and the MFT program. Agencies that contract with schools that place students in a school need to ensure that students perform 9 hours per week of school-based work at the school site.
- 2) Students who wish to pursue state certification as a School-Based MFT must take MFT 592 (elective), MFT 593 and MFT 594. Students may do clinical work in schools and not be part of the school-based practicum track (i.e. MFT 583 and MFT 584). However, if students are placed in schools, they are encouraged to sign up for the school-based practicum sections at their discretion.
- 3) For students interested in pursuing State of Connecticut Educator Certificate in School-based MFT, the Department of Education has pre-approved the following courses to meet the requirements stated in the regulations and can be taken as electives (MFT 505 is an MFT program requirement):  
  
MFT 505 – Counseling and Human Development Across the Life Span  
ED 515 – School Law  
SPED 501 – Education of the Exceptional Learner
- 4) As for all practicum placements, hours spent in clinical activities during the practicum DO NOT COUNT toward the 500 hours required for the internship requirements.