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# Exit Survey

**Date Entered MFT Program (year)**

**Date Graduated from the MFT Program (month & year)**

## **Please tell us about your career plans**

I have decided to pursue a Ph.D. in a field related to family therapy

I have decided to pursue licensure as a MFT

I have a job doing family therapy and I plan to stay in that position

Within the next 1-6 months I will begin looking for a job in the field of family therapy

I plan to move to another state and pursue licensure in that state

I plan to live and work in the South Georgia Region

I plan to take the licensure exam as soon as I can

I will likely contract privately for the supervision I need to become licensed

I plan to continue my membership in AAMFT

My primary professional identification is family therapy

I feel prepared to function in an entry level family therapy position

Other

## **Please click the button that indicates what salary expectations you have for your first full-time position following graduation?**

Less than \$10,000

\$10,001-20,000

\$20,001-\$30,000

\$30,001-\$40,000

\$40,001-\$50,000

More than \$50,001

*no answer*

**Please estimate, to the nearest \$1,000, your current salary:**

**On a scale of 1-10, how satisfied are you with your position?**

- Not at all
- Somewhat satisfied
- Satisfied
- Pretty Satisfied
- Very Satisfied
- no answer*

**Why did you choose a Master's Degree in MFT? (Mark all the apply)**

- Liked MFT
- Wanted to help people
- Had some interest in therapy
- Means to an end

**Would you choose a Master's degree in the MFT program if you had to do it all over?**

- Yes
- No
- no answer*

**If not, what career path would you choose instead?**

The following questions ask about how important certain areas are to your career. Please rate the following:

**Writing effectively.**

- Not Important
- Important
- Very Important
- no answer*

**Speaking effectively.**

- Not Important
- Important
- Very Important
- no answer*

**The ability to consider the role of therapy in addressing injustice.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to consider issues and problems from different perspectives.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to synthesize and integrate ideas and information.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to acquire new skills and knowledge on your own.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to formulate creative ideas and solutions in the practice of therapy.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to formulate a systemic understanding of therapeutic problems.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to identify the strengths and resources clients bring to therapy.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to function effectively as a member of a treatment team.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to make sense of behavior by considering the context in which it occurs.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to place treatment problems in a systemic and/or cultural perspective.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to practice ethical family therapy.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

**The ability to sustain membership in AAMFT.**

Not Important

Important

Very Important

*no answer*

The following questions ask about the MFT program's contribution to certain areas pertaining to your career. Please rate the following:

**Writing effectively.**

- Not at all
- A moderate amount
- A great deal
- no answer*

**Speaking effectively.**

- Not at all
- A moderate amount
- A great deal
- no answer*

**The ability to consider the role of therapy in addressing injustice.**

- Not at all
- A moderate amount
- A great deal
- no answer*

**The ability to consider issues and problems from different perspectives.**

- Not at all
- A moderate amount
- A great deal
- no answer*

**The ability to synthesize and integrate ideas and information.**

- Not at all
- A moderate amount
- A great deal
- no answer*

**The ability to acquire new skills and knowledge on your own.**

- Not at all

A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to formulate creative ideas and solutions in the practice of therapy.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to formulate a systemic understanding of therapeutic problems.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to identify the strengths and resources clients bring to therapy.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to function effectively as a member of a treatment team.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to make sense of behavior by considering the context in which it occurs.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to place treatment problems in a systemic and/or cultural perspective.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to practice ethical family therapy.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**The ability to sustain membership in AAMFT.**

Not at all  
A moderate amount  
A great deal  
*no answer*

In this section we are interested in your clinical training

**How many internships did you participate in while enrolled in the MFT program?**

None  
1  
2  
3 or more  
*no answer*

**How did you locate your internship(s)?**

To what extent did your internship...

**Influence specific areas of interest in the field of MFT?**

Not at all  
A little bit  
A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal

*no answer*

**Influence your career plans?**

- Not at all
- A little bit
- A moderate amount
- Quite a bit
- A great deal

*no answer*

**Confirm your career goals?**

- Not at all
- A little bit
- A moderate amount
- Quite a bit
- A great deal

*no answer*

**Teach you about the paperwork associated with service delivery in your internship site?**

- Not at all
- A little bit
- A moderate amount
- Quite a bit
- A great deal

*no answer*

**Expose you to non-systemic ways of conducting therapy?**

- Not at all
- A little bit
- A moderate amount
- Quite a bit
- A great deal

*no answer*

**Expose you to clients from diverse backgrounds?**

Not at all  
A little bit  
A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**Change your view of family therapy?**

Not at all  
A little bit  
A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**Influence your career choices?**

Not at all  
A little bit  
A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**Provide opportunities to form collegial relationships with other clinicians?**

Not at all  
A little bit  
A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**Help you understand the perspective of clinicians in the fields of psychology or social work?**

Not at all  
A little bit

A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
*no answer*

**Give you confidence in your clinical skills?**

Not at all  
A little bit  
A moderate amount  
Quite a bit  
A great deal  
*no answer*

For the next set of questions we are interested in learning about how you choose the MFT field and if this is still your field of choice.

**Why did you choose a Master's Degree in MFT?**

Passionate about Field  
Liked MFT  
Wanted to help people  
Had some interest in therapy  
Means to an End  
*no answer*

**Would you choose a Master's degree in the MFT program if you had to do it over again?**

Yes  
No  
*no answer*

**If "No," what career path do you think you would choose now?**

The following questions ask about your expectation for the MFT degree and if these expectations were met.

**Please check all that were initial expectations you had (intellectual, personal, professional) when you decided to get a Masters degree in MFT?**

To understand why people behave the way they do  
To become more effective in promoting therapeutic change  
To prepare for work in family therapy

- To prepare for doctoral study
- To develop my own personal style of therapy
- To eventually open my own private practice
- To become a licensed clinician
- To enhance critical thinking skills
- To better understand my thoughts and feelings
- To better understand my family
- To improve writing skills
- To learn about myself
- To study a subject I was passionate about
- To help people improve the relationships in their lives
- To learn new ways of thinking

**In the above question you checked your initial expectations. In this questions please indicate which of your ABOVE expectations were met.**

- To understand why people behave the way they do
- To become more effective in promoting therapeutic change
- To prepare for work in family therapy
- To prepare for doctoral study
- To develop my own personal style of therapy
- To eventually open my own private practice
- To become a licensed clinician
- To enhance critical thinking skills
- To better understand my thoughts and feelings
- To better understand my family
- To improve writing skills
- To learn about myself
- To study a subject I was passionate about
- To help people improve the relationships in their lives
- To learn new ways of thinking

How valuable have the following elements been to your education?

**Coursework.**

- Not at all valuable
- Somewhat valuable

Valuable  
Pretty valuable  
Very valuable  
*no answer*

**Internship(s).**

Not at all valuable  
Somewhat valuable  
Valuable  
Pretty valuable  
Very valuable  
*no answer*

**Working at FamilyWorks.**

Not at all valuable  
Somewhat valuable  
Valuable  
Pretty valuable  
Very valuable  
*no answer*

**Live observation.**

Not at all valuable  
Somewhat valuable  
Valuable  
Pretty valuable  
Very valuable  
*no answer*

**Practica.**

Not at all valuable  
Somewhat valuable  
Valuable  
Pretty valuable  
Very valuable

*no answer*

**Supervision with MFT faculty.**

Not at all valuable

Somewhat valuable

Valuable

Pretty valuable

Very valuable

*no answer*

**Supervision with internship site supervisors.**

Not at all valuable

Somewhat valuable

Valuable

Pretty valuable

Very valuable

*no answer*

**Completing the comprehensive exam.**

Not at all valuable

Somewhat valuable

Valuable

Pretty valuable

Very valuable

*no answer*

**Guest speakers.**

Not at all valuable

Somewhat valuable

Valuable

Pretty valuable

Very valuable

*no answer*

**Interactions with MFT faculty members.**

Not at all valuable  
Somewhat valuable  
Valuable  
Pretty valuable  
Very valuable  
*no answer*

In this section of questions we are interested in learning more about your view of the MFT program.

**Coursework within the MFT program interested me.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**Course content was relevant to the practice of systemic family therapy.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**I learned to effectively practice family therapy.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**I learned how to practice family therapy ethically.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**I learned how to do research.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**I learned how to do therapy in ways that fit my values, beliefs, and personal style.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**I was intellectually challenged.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree  
Strongly Agree  
*no answer*

**I developed a greater concern for my role in society.**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I developed a greater understanding of racial/ethnic issues.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I gained a greater understanding of people who make life choices differently from those I may choose.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I gained a greater appreciation of human diversity.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I learned to think critically.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**My writing skills improved.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**My reading skills improved.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I was able to connect the different parts of my education into a meaningful whole.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I benefited from being required to take courses outside my area of interest.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I changed in ways that were unexpected when I entered the program.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**I learned skills and ways of thinking that make me a better citizen and contributor to my community.**

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

*no answer*

**What was the single most valuable experience during your MFT education?**

The following questions ask about the amount of coverage certain topics received in the MFT program. Please rate the following:

**Understanding the theoretical framework of systemic family therapy.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Ethical practice of systemic family therapy.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Research methods.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Understanding a range of therapy models.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Understanding people from diverse backgrounds.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Valuing the experience and contributions of people from diverse backgrounds.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Applications of theory and intervention techniques.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Practice therapeutic skills and techniques.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much

*no answer*

**Understand traditional psychodynamic constructions of clinical problems.**

Not Enough

Right Amount

Too Much  
*no answer*

**In the questions above you indicated the amount in which you feel certain topics were covered. In this section, please indicate if you expect to make use of the knowledge you gained from these topics. Check all that apply.**

Understanding the theoretical framework of systemic family therapy

Ethical practice of systemic family therapy

Research methods

Understanding a range of therapy models

Understanding people from diverse backgrounds

Valuing the experience and contributions of people from diverse backgrounds

Applications of theory and intervention techniques

Practice therapeutic skills and techniques

Understand traditional psychodynamic constructions of clinical problems

How well do you think the MFT program prepared you to...

**Write well?**

Not At All

Somewhat

Adequately

Pretty Well

Very Well

*no answer*

**Think analytically?**

Not At All

Somewhat

Adequately

Pretty Well

Very Well

*no answer*

**Think independently?**

Not At All

Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Think theoretically about family therapy?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Enjoy and understand the practice of family therapy?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Succeed in doctoral school?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Find and interview for a clinical job?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well

Very Well  
*no answer*

**Succeed in your career?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Speak well in public?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Practice systemically-informed family therapy?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Want to continue reading in the discipline?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Become a more informed clinician?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Relate sensitively to other people?**

Not At All  
Somewhat  
Adequately  
Pretty Well  
Very Well  
*no answer*

**Did the experience of preparing for and taking comprehensive exams serve as a "capstone experience" in your education?**

Yes  
No  
*no answer*

**Did the experience of preparing for and taking comprehensive exams help you synthesize knowledge gained from various courses?**

Yes  
No  
*no answer*

**The MFT program invites you to share about your experiences as a MFT student which may help us to understand our strengths and areas for improvement.**

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