



# Online Master of Marriage and Family Therapy Child and Adolescent Therapy Concentration

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Survey of systemic approaches and techniques for child and adolescent problems with an emphasis on empirically supported theories.

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This course serves as an introduction to group psychotherapy as an effective therapeutic tool. The focus of the course is comprised of two main areas: (1) group formation, group dynamics, and group psychotherapy theories and principles, and (2) the development and role of the group psychotherapist him/herself. Topics such as spirituality, ethics, diversity, self-of-therapist issues, leadership, and theoretical frameworks for facilitating group psychotherapy will be presented.

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