

Professional Licensing Disclosure
Abilene Christian University
Online Marriage and Family Therapy degree (M.MFT)

To practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) in the United States, an individual must secure a professional license from the state jurisdiction in which they intend to practice. Each state has its own educational requirements for practice. This [document](#) provides a list of states where the program has determined that the marriage and family therapy degree plan curriculum meets the educational requirements for licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

The degree plan includes clinical internship experiences resulting in either 300 or 500 hours of supervised client contact, with a portion of those hours spent counseling couples and families. Some states require more relational hours, and this may necessitate enrollment in additional courses of clinical internship.

In states where the program has determined that the curriculum meets the educational requirements for licensure, students should understand there are often additional requirements to obtain licensure. These requirements may include paying fees, passing the AMFTRB licensing exam, submitting academic transcripts, and completing licensure application paperwork. To assist you in making your decision whether to matriculate in the program, we have provided a list of states and the respective contact information for the [state board of examiners in marriage and family therapy](#).

This information is provided in accordance with the US Department of Education 34 CFR (Parts 600, 602, 603, 654, 668, and 674) and the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

Internship disclosure

Students are responsible for identifying an internship site and a local program clinical supervisor that meets the program's requirements in their community. Prior to admission to the program, students should perform a search for possible sites to determine the feasibility of earning the required in-person client contact hours. Students should also seek out possible local program clinical supervisors by performing a search on aamft.org or by looking for licensed marriage and family therapists in their state.

Students are required to adhere to the [ethical standards](#) of the profession of Marriage and Family Therapy, including the ethical responsibility to serve anyone who seeks therapy.

Students are permitted, *but not required*, to earn no more than 25% of their client contact hours using teletherapy or technology-assisted services. Students should be aware of the following program policies for earning clinical contact using teletherapy:

- Students shall only provide teletherapy to clients who are physically located in the same state as the student.
- Students shall provide teletherapy using a HIPAA-secure platform and be in a confidential and secure location.
- Students shall not provide teletherapy from their residence. Students must be at a clinical site, and the site or local program clinical supervisor must be present at the time of the session.
- Students shall adhere to all site policies and procedures for providing teletherapy, including providing informed consent about teletherapy.
- Students shall complete *all* programmatic training modules and assignments about teletherapy prior to delivering technology-assisted services.
- Students shall ensure they are abiding by all state and national laws and regulations regarding the delivery of telehealth.
- Students shall adhere to the AAMFT *Code of Ethics* Standard VI regarding the delivery of teletherapy.

Students will attend virtual group supervision with a faculty program clinical supervisor who is trained to deliver virtual group supervision. Students are permitted, *but not required*, to attend virtual individual supervision with their local program clinical supervisor. Prior to engaging in virtual individual supervision, the local program clinical supervisor must provide the program with evidence of training in delivering virtual supervision.

By signing below, you affirm the following:

-I understand the program does not meet the educational or practicum requirements for LPC licensure, and the program is not responsible for providing assistance for students seeking dual licensure.

-I agree to abide by the program's policies and procedures on the use of technology, including artificial intelligence.

-I acknowledge that I have been provided the professional licensing disclosure, prior to enrollment, for the online MFT degree at ACU. I hereby certify that I have read and understood the information.

Signature

Date