University Assessment Committee  
Outcomes Assessment Summary Form

This form is to be completed by a representative from each designated program/department. The information provided in this form will be used by the University of San Diego to inform stakeholder groups about USD’s commitment to the intellectual, spiritual, and overall development of students. A Pdf version of this form will be posted on the University's Student Outcomes Website in the Evidence of Student Learning section.

Program Information  
Program Name (e.g. BA Computer Science, PhD Nursing)

[MA in Marital and Family Therapy (MFT)]

College/School Name (e.g. CAS, KSPS, SB, SMSOE)

[SOLES]

Assessment Overview  
Briefly share how student learning outcomes assessment is conducted within your program/department (e.g. number of outcomes, examples of assignments used, and frequency of assessment). See example below.

The MFT program has a cyclical schedule for evaluating candidates’ progress through the program, which includes assessment of candidates’ knowledge and understanding of MFT concepts and methods, as well as assessment of candidates’ clinical skill delivery to clients. Knowledge and understanding are evaluated primarily through student performance in didactic courses and a comprehensive exam, while clinical skills are evaluated during the practicum sequence. We annually assess six student learning outcomes that align with our COAMFTE accreditation standards and the California Board of Behavioral Sciences’ educational requirements. The expected student outcomes are facilitated by the program’s educational goals that are ultimately aimed towards creating post-graduates who are highly competent.

Results and Actions Taken  
Assessment Cycle

[2016-2017]

Briefly summarize your assessment results and how you are using these results to enhance student learning and improve program quality. See example below.

We are meeting virtually all our benchmarks on all of the assessments mentioned above. Notably, we are achieving the following program outcomes: At least 80% of our incoming candidates graduate from our program within 2 years; At least 70% of our graduates pass the California BBS MFT Licensure Exam; and Alumni rate the program at 4 or higher (using a five point scale) for enhancing the graduate's ability to work with clients from diverse backgrounds. One minor issue is that the students received a mean score of 3.9 on a rating of use of research and the benchmark is 4.0. We have revised the Evidence-based course to address this minor issue.