

Marital and Family Therapy, MA



Assessment Overview & Results Summary

College/School:	School of Leadership and Education Sciences
Measures Used:	<p>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. Clinical skills are evaluated during the practicum sequence, where site supervisors complete a bi-annual trainee evaluation of students in practicum.</p> <p>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. The program also evaluates if it is meeting its benchmarks for graduation rates and passing the initial BBS MFT exam required for licensure.</p>
Process for Interpretation of Evidence:	Each January, the core faculty meet to review and discuss assessment data that is collected throughout the previous academic year. The faculty review assessment data from various sources (e.g., trainee evaluations, TracDat, graduate exit survey) to evaluate how the program is doing and identify potential areas of improvement.
How Findings are Used:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Changes to curriculum/pedagogy✓ Changes to assessment methods✓ Increased faculty professional development✓ Other: Clinical training in community practicum sites
Results Summary and Continuous Improvement Actions for AY 2020-2021:	The MFT program met 100% of its benchmarks related to classes and student learning outcomes (25 out of 25). All three benchmarks (100%) for the comprehensive exam were met. In terms of evaluating clinical skills using the trainee evaluation, we met the benchmark of being 4.0 or above in terms of a mean score (final evaluation) on all of the 6 student learning outcomes. The program continues to exceed its program benchmark of graduating at least 80% of the students, with a 94% graduation rate for students completing the program in the

advertised two years. It also continues to achieve its program benchmark of having at least 70% of graduates passing the initial California BBS MFT exam. Exit survey data of graduating students was also positive. The mean ratings for the 2021 exit survey were in the desired 4.0 to 5.0 range (using a 5-point scale) in all eight categories (faculty, advising, intellectual climate, program support, university support, coursework, practicum, overall satisfaction). Based on assessment results, the program will expand instruction on completing clinical documentation.