Welcome to TUW! As a new MFT student there are a few things to know about your program.

At TUW, we have 3 MFT Degree Tracks:

1) Non-Clinical Track
2) Clinical Track
3) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) Track

Students who choose to pursue a Marriage and Family Therapy licensure usually enroll in the Clinical Track. The **Clinical Track** (with 20 courses and 60 credits) Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) program is designed to lead to professional licensure as outlined by individual state boards of counseling. Before enrolling in a licensure program at Touro University Worldwide, students should consult the rules and regulations regarding Marriage and Family Therapy for their particular state. The Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) licensure process begins the moment you start taking classes in your accredited degree program.

Students who choose to also pursue LPCC licensure in addition to the MFT licensure can enroll in the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) Track. The **LPCC Track** (with 25 courses and 73 credits) allows the students to possibly pursue dual licensure in his/her state after completion of our program.

Those who do not plan on being licensed, but would like to gain knowledge in the marriage and family issues may opt for the Non-Clinical Track. The **Non-Clinical Track** (with 18 courses and 54 credits) does not allow students to pursue any state licensure after graduation.

Students should be aware of the following before enrolling in one of TUW’s MFT programs:

- State regulations regarding the type and number of academic courses as well as practicum and internship hours.
- The state accreditation requirements for educational institutions.
- The state regulations and requirements for online graduate education programs.
- State regulations regarding licensure opportunities if an applicant has a previous felony conviction.
MFT Curriculum (Clinical Track)
The MFT curriculum (Clinical Track) is comprised of 20 required courses for a total of 60 semester credits which includes two practicum courses.

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*Please note:* Not all students will complete their Clinical hours during the 2 courses, and may need to enroll in a 3rd, 4th, or 5th course (MFT 642, MFT 644, and MFT 645) to complete their training as required by their state. The cost for MFT 642 and MFT 644 (Continuation Courses) are $500 per course and they are non-credit courses.

**Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) Track Curriculum**

The LPCC Track is comprised of 25 required courses for a total of 73 semester credits which includes three practicum courses.

In addition to the MFT Track requirements above, students in the LPCC Track must take 5 additional courses:

1) MFT 650 Counseling Theory (3 credits)
2) MFT 651 Advanced Counseling Techniques & Techniques (3 credits)
3) MFT 653 Life and Career Development Counseling (3 credits)
4) MFT 698 Spousal/Partner Abuse Detection and Intervention (1 credit)
5) MFT 645 Clinical Practicum Part III (3 credits)

**MFT Practicum**

Students must be in good academic standing to begin the practicum application process. Students are strongly encouraged to begin a search for possible placements 4-6 months prior to registering for Practicum. TUW may have students in your area that have trained at a site, so be sure to ask the Coordinator of the Practicum Training. Some good sites are ones that already have a training program in place. These may include non-profit counseling centers, substance abuse centers, child and family resource centers, hospitals, and college counseling centers.

Students may start their Practicum after they have completed these pre-requisite courses:

MFT 610 Contemporary Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy
MFT 611 Foundations of Psychopathology
MFT 614 Development Within the Family Cycle
MFT 616 Society Culture and Gender
MFT 630 Ethics and Law for Marriage and Family Therapy

The MFT Practicum requirements include completion of a total of 300 Clinical Hours of experience at a traineeship site (with a minimum of 225 Direct Client Hours).

- The 225 hours of direct client contact consists of face-to-face counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups.
- The other non-direct misc. hours may counted as any combination of other clinical experience such as supervision, training, additional direct client contact, case management, staff meetings and writing progress notes and/or clinical reports;
- Please note there is incentive credit for MFT Students in some states to perform conjoint and family counseling.
• It is generally recommended that students carry a caseload of approximately 6 to 7 clients per week in order to allow for cancellations.

• Students will track their hours by submission of a “Weekly Hours of Experience form” signed by the clinical supervisor, documenting the hours spent at the practicum site. All forms for the Practicum can be located on the TUW website http://www.tuw.edu/marriage-family-therapy/

• All students are required to obtain their own professional liability insurance even if the practicum site has insurance that covers the student. You may check with your local chapter of AAMFT for insurance resources. (Usually these are free to students who are members of CAMFT or AAMFT). If purchasing your own, CPH and Associates as well as other companies offer it to Trainees.

Additional Practicum training requirements for LPCC Track include:

• 280 face-to-face clinical hours (instead of 225 face-to-face clinical hours)
• 450 total practicum hours (instead of 300 total practicum hours)

In order to meet Touro’s educational requirements, the practicum site is asked to provide the following:

• Clinical supervision with a clinician who will have authority over the student’s clinical work.

• Clinical supervision must include at least one hour of individual supervision or two hours of group supervision per calendar week (with no more than 8 group members);

• The clinical supervisor must be a licensed mental health clinician practicing as a Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Psychologist, or Board-certified Psychiatrist. In some states, a Licensed Professional Counselor and/or a Licensed Mental Health Counselor is also acceptable.

• The supervisor must have been licensed for at least two years, and must be licensed in the state where the supervision is occurring and must meet state supervisor requirements. (usually a training in Supervision CEU of 6 credits)

• The clinical supervisor must agree to ensure that all state laws, regulations, and professional ethics are followed. Please be aware that since students practice away from the Touro campus the clinical responsibilities between the trainee and the client rest exclusively with the practicum site.

*Please note: TUW is not responsible to find the Practicum site and/or agency for students. The student is responsible to identify the practicum site, go through the interview with the site, and connect the Practicum Coordinator with the site to arrange for an MOU.

Students taking Leave of Absence (LOA) are not considered active enrolled students. MFT students acquiring the clinical practicum hours must register for Clinical Practicum or Clinical Practicum Continuation. Student must stay in enrolled active status with the University to ensure the practicum is covered by the University insurance and the practicum hours officially recorded.

Disclaimer: It is not the responsibility of TUW if the student cannot pass the interview, or is not accepted to Practicum site.
Prior to a student beginning a practicum, the site must be approved by Touro University Worldwide. California law requires that an affiliation agreement outlining the responsibilities of each party be signed between the agency, the student, and the graduate school. All necessary forms can be found on the TUW website at [http://www.tuw.edu/marriage-family-therapy/](http://www.tuw.edu/marriage-family-therapy/).

The practicum can be an exciting and challenging experience and has the potential to provide valuable feedback to students as well as a rich introduction to the practice of psychotherapy. It is the intent of TUW to establish cooperative and collaborative relationships with the practicum sites in order that our students may become sensitive, compassionate, and skilled clinicians.