Supervisor Roles

At TUW students participate in clinical work under the supervision of both Primary Supervisors and Secondary Supervisors.

Primary Supervisors: Also referred to as Site Supervisors, are licensed mental health professionals that are also State Approved to provide clinical supervision to Marriage and Family Therapy interns. The majority of the Primary Supervisors professionally identify mostly as Marriage and Family Therapists. This identity includes being licensed as a MFT, having obtained state board approval to provide supervision to MFT interns, and having a history of supervising MFT interns. Primary Supervisors demonstrate proficiency in areas of clinical supervision and work in collaboration with TUW Students, TUW Supervisors, The MFT Assistant Program Director, and The MFT Program Director. Primary Supervisors generally work at the clinical site where students interact with clients and provide both group and individual supervision, which may include live supervision, case report, as well as reviewing audio-and video footage of clinical work. Primary Supervisors work with the Assistant Program Director to insure students develop their clinical skills and achieve MFT student outcomes. Primary Supervisors provide feedback to the MFT program and complete formal evaluations of students. Primary Supervisors reside in geographic locations where students live. With our offices being in California, and our headquarters being in New York, most of our Primary Supervisors and Students reside in these two states. However, TUW is expanding and new students and thus Primary Supervisors from other states are continuously being added.
Secondary Supervisors: Also referred to as TUW Supervisors are Core faculty. As stated previously in the Teaching and Clinical Leadership Core Faculty Responsibilities/Role Section of this handbook, All Core faculty function as Secondary Supervisors. Likewise, they professionally identify primarily as Marriage and Family Therapists. This identity includes adopting the AAMFT Code of Ethics as a guide for professional conduct. Secondary Supervisors are LMFTs, Clinical members of AAMFT, AAMFT Approved Supervisors, or AAMFT Approved Supervisors in training. Secondary Supervisors demonstrate proficiency in clinical supervision and work in collaboration with TUW Students, Site Supervisors, The Assistant Program Director, and The Program Director. Secondary Supervisors work at TUW and provide group supervision, which may include case report, as well as reviewing audio/video footage of clinical work utilizing our HIPPA Compliant system. Secondary Supervisors work with the Assistant Program Director, the Program Director, and the student’s site to insure students develop their clinical skills and achieve MFT student outcomes. Secondary Supervisors provide feedback to the MFT program, complete formal evaluations of students, and ultimately grade students in the practicum course. Similar to our Primary Supervisors, Secondary Supervisors are located in various locations. To view additional information about our Supervisor Demographics, please see below.