

COMPARISON BETWEEN

MASTER’S IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING & MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY and MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

The Master’s in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Marriage and Family Therapy and Master of Social Work Flex (MSW Flex) are both offered through CSUF’s College of Health and Human Development and have the same faculty as the traditional master’s degree program offered at CSUF, respectively. When deciding whether to join MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Marriage and Family Therapy or MSW Flex, you may find the comparison guide below helpful.

	MASTER’S IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING & MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY PROGRAM	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
Department Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We specifically train students to be counselors and psychotherapists. Curriculum focused on counseling children, adults, couples, groups and families Emphasis on doing brief and extended therapy within context of theoretical diversity and a social justice orientation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our goal is to prepare students to enter professional, multicultural social work practice. Curriculum focused on child welfare, community mental health, and aging Dual emphases on the individual in social context and the betterment of society
Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) with a minimum 3.0 GPA Three letters of recommendation with at least one letter from an academic reference (exceptions for the academic reference requirement can be made) A detailed, double-spaced personal statement (approximately 2,000 words) that includes the following: personal biography, what motivates you to be an advocate for social justice, your suitability for entering the counseling profession and your long-term professional goals An interview with department faculty Completion of prerequisite courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA A 1-2 page resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) that includes your educational history and your volunteer or paid mental health experiences <p>The GRE is not required for admissions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of ecological systems model and strengths perspective Focus on cultural competency, advocacy, and social justice Emphasis on self-reflection for personal and professional growth 2 year fieldwork experience in various agencies appropriate for students’ concentrations, e.g., hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, mental health settings, healthcare, etc. Courses in clinical social work practice, social welfare policy, human behavior, diversity, research methods
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63 units (3.3 years all part time) Classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays in spring, summer, and fall, with two Saturdays each summer and 2 in the second fall semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 units (2 years FT;3 years PT) Students progress in cohorts

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Class Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time only • Each class meets once a week from 7-10 p.m. during fall/spring; and once a week from 6-10 p.m. in summers (for 10 weeks of summer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time and part-time • FT: 2 days in class (Tu & Thurs) / 2 days in fieldwork (Mon & Wed) per week • PT: 3 nights in class (Tu, Wed, & Thurs) / 2 days in fieldwork per week starting 2nd year
Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National accreditation by CACREP. Visit cacrep.org for more information. • Approved BBS Training program for LMFT and LPCC training program by State of CA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Visit cswe.org for more information. • Approved BBS training program for LCSW by State of CA
Typical Jobs/Work Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private practice • Therapy in mental health agencies • Medical/Psychiatric facilities (e.g. Kaiser, CHOC, VA Hospital) • Child and family therapy in schools • Counseling veterans and their families • Coaching • Career counseling • Couples counseling and divorce mediation • Drug and alcohol programs • University student services • Human resources • County mental health agencies • School settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public child welfare agencies • County mental health agencies • Medical/Psychiatric facilities (e.g. Kaiser, CHOC, VA Hospital) • Older adults services • Probation department • Family service agencies (domestic violence; homeless shelter) • Rehabilitation facilities • Family resource centers • Social welfare research & policy analysis • School settings
Licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for LMFT and LPCC licenses • Visit BBS at bbs.ca.gov for more information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for LCSW license • Visit BBS at bbs.ca.gov for more information
To Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit our website at hhd.fullerton.edu/counsel • Contact the Prospective Student Advisor applycounseling@fullerton.edu (657) 278-3042 or office in EC-479 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit our website at hhd.fullerton.edu/msw • Contact the Prospective Student Advisor at applymsw@fullerton.edu (657) 278-8452, or office in EC-207

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