STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY – Ph.D.

The Ph.D. Program Student Learning Outcomes are derived from the *American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Core Competencies, Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards, AAMFT Code of Ethics, and AAMFT Supervision Handbook.*

1. **Marital and Family Therapy:** Students will demonstrate competence in system and relational practice with diverse clientele.
   1.1 Identify a personal "core theory" to guide clinical intervention
   1.2 Explore other theories and discover creative ways of accommodating those theories with the "core theory."
   1.3 Facilitate the co-evolving therapist-client relationship.
   1.4 Evaluate and identify problems in therapist-client relationships.
   1.5 Demonstrate sensitivity to contextual variables such as culture, gender, ethnicity and economics.
   1.6 Identify and develop an area of clinical expertise.

2. **Clinical Supervision:** Students will develop competency in supervision that is sensitive to issues of diversity.
   2.1 Demonstrate that they think about treatment and supervision in relational terms (for example, in terms of patterns sequence, context).
   2.2 Demonstrate awareness of patterns and sequences of replication at various system levels (for example, interconnection and interrelationships of the individual, family, therapist, supervisor and context of training).
   2.3 Demonstrate a clear theoretical orientation by articulating his/her philosophies of therapy and supervision as well as the clear connection between them.
   2.4 Demonstrate theoretical consistency, whether from one prominent model or from an integrative perspective with a logical integration of models.
   2.5 Present a rationale for the choice of supervisory methods and how the methods facilitate achievement of supervision goals.
   2.6 Demonstrate sensitivity to contextual variables such as culture, gender, biology, ethnicity, family of origin and economics.
   2.7 Demonstrate knowledge of ethical and legal issues of supervision.

3. **Teaching:** Students will demonstrate competency in teaching.
   3.1 Demonstrate overall effectiveness as a teacher.
   3.2 Demonstrate that they are well prepared for class.
   3.3 Demonstrate competence in subject matter taught.
   3.4 Demonstrate that course content, including assigned readings are current and represent the most up to date information on the subject.

4. **Research:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and skills as a researcher in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy through their work on their dissertation.
   4.1 Demonstrate progress toward developing a personal research agenda.
   4.2 Demonstrate ability to design sound MFT research.
   4.3 Conduct research in an ethical manner.
   4.4 Create conceptual models to summarize and/or inform research.
   4.5 Create new knowledge for the field by completing a dissertation on a MFT topic.

5. **Research Productivity:** Students will publish in professional journals and present research at conferences.

6. **Service and Professionalism:** Students will demonstrate commitment to service and professional involvement.
   6.1 Maintain membership with a professional organization.
   6.2 Pass MFT Licensing Exam.
   6.3 Demonstrate commitment to leadership and/or professional activities.