

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MARRIAGE, COUPLE, AND FAMILY COUNSELING

The Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling is designed for students who want to gain specific training in family and couples therapy.

The 12-semester credit hour Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling will provide students with a deeper understanding of family systems theory, systemic approaches for working with couples and families, and effective strategies for working with a wide variety of issues.

Students pursuing an MA in Counseling or who already have a master's degree in a counseling-related field may apply for this certificate program.

SHSU is not able to provide students with guidance on LMFT requirements other than academic requirements.

Students interested in pursuing their LMFT should contact the Texas Behavioral Health Executive (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bhec.texas.gov%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ckwm019%40SHSU.EDU%7C50d1d058afcc41fb537b08dcdf225bd2%7Cb153cbd8b39247449b39e3cdb8677f00%7C0%7C0%7C638630585864689363%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=79yWe1LuNtkqHSfq2IJVtt1cr%2B8SCLPyTLyAn8jtMRc%3D&reserved=0>) Council or visit the Texas Administrative Code website for more information.

This Graduate Certificate is eligible to receive Title IV funding – Direct Unsubsidized Loans. To be considered for aid, students need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Additional Information: Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/certificate/marriage-couple-and-family-counseling/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Applicants seeking admission to the Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. a) A current student in good academic standing in the Department of Counselor Education **OR** b) Have completed a master's degree in a related discipline with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (requires submission of official transcript from the degree granting institution)

Code	Title	Hours
Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling		
Specified Courses		
COUN 6333	Techniques Of Couples Counseling	3
COUN 6337	Counseling For Sexual Concerns	3
COUN 6338	Techniques of Family Counseling	3
COUN 6370	Family Therapy Applications	3
Total Hours		12

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Specialization working with a family systems approach
- Higher-order thinking.
- Oral and written communication.
- Professional conduct and ethical behavior.
- Multicultural and diversity competencies.
- Self-awareness of inter/intrapersonal relationships.
- Ability to apply counseling and development knowledge to professional practice.