



## Spring Semester means Spring Break is coming!

It's a good thing we are flexible, adaptable, and motivated to keep moving forward. Our field and our skills are very important to the well-being of so many.



### **Rite of Passage** Internship / Graduation

*"... a ritual, event, or experience that marks or constitutes a major milestone or change in a person's life." (according to Merriam-Webster)*

Spring semester is an exciting time for all of us, students & faculty.

- First year students are exploring roleplays, assessments, electronic mental health records, and more challenging topics as they prepare for internship.
- Second year students are finally finishing up their clinical hours and have begun thinking about graduation, training licenses, and employment opportunities.

*(Here are a few past graduates who are now fully licensed therapists!!)*



*Speaking for faculty, we find your growth inspiring and your opportunities ahead exciting. We are very honored to be a part of your journey!*

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## Partnership an Edgewood Core Value

Building relationships within the community is a priority for our program and our students.

Our annual Community Partnership Celebration event was again well attended during the first weekend in December. The festivities included connecting with old and new colleagues, meeting families, all while enjoying live music, prizes, and food.

Our 2025 celebration will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are honored to work with many community partners through our MFT program and training facility, The Family Center. These include supplemental clinical sites and various community locations such as the Wisconsin Farm Center, the Perry Free Family Clinic, and Agrace Hospice.



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## MFT Student Reps

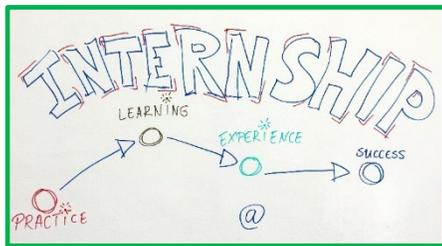
*If you're interested in collaborating with students across cohorts to create connection and community, reach out to Julia Smith, faculty advisor for Student Rep meetings and activities.*

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## COAMFTE Update

The journey continues yet the end is finally, hopefully, within sight. We received feedback on a few specific areas that COAMFTE would like to see more evidence before agreeing to a site visit. Previous feedback had been more general, so we're happy to have received very specific guidance. We are fortunate that our two years of evidence was accepted even though they typically prefer three years of data.

Immediately we've begun pulling together the requested information for an Addendum to be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup> (moving consideration for a site visit to Fall). If you are interested in reading about the process, [click here](#).



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## MFT Clinical Internship

### Incoming interns – Mark your Calendars

Our Internship Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30-6:00pm, at The Family Center. Meet representatives from clinical sites available for supplemental and/or community hours.

### Graduating interns – Mark your Calendars

We'll have a small graduation celebration at The Family Center from 3:00-4:00pm on May 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate you and your supervisors. *Remember to reach out for post-grad support from your supervisors (& faculty) ... letters of recommendation, resume support, and networking, etc.*

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## MFT Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Saturday, May 17th)

Graduation (3:00pm) and our time-honored brief hooding ceremony (2:00pm) is approaching fast. The Hooding event is held prior to commencement in front of the library to prepare you for your walk across the stage. Families are welcome to watch the hooding. You will line up with your graduation gowns on and bring your hoods. When your name is called your hood will be placed and then you will be congratulated by your support team of instructors and supervisors. It's a great opportunity for taking pictures!

## Spring, Summer, and Fall Courses

This table shows where you are now and what to expect for summer. (Remember It is important to travel through the entire program with your cohort 001 or 002, and then with your internship course instructor during your 2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Year 1	Fall	Cohort 001	MFT 600 001 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 605 001 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 620 001 (T) 5-7 pm Weekly	MFT 630 001 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly
		Cohort 002	MFT 605 002 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 600 002 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 630 002 (T) 5-7 pm Weekly	MFT 620 002 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly
	Spring	Cohort 001	MFT 635 001 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 610 001 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 725 001 (T) 5-7 pm Weekly	MFT 625 001 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly
		Cohort 002	MFT 610 002 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 635 002 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 625 002 (T) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 725 002 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly
Year 2	Summer	Cohort 001	MFT 800 001 (W) 4-6pm e/o Week (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday)	4 sections of MFT 750 (limit 8 students per section; each section will remain together until graduation).	MFT 750 001 (W) 6:30-8pm MFT 750 002 (W) 6:30-8pm MFT 750 003 (W) 6:30-8pm MFT 750 004 (W) 6:30-8pm All sections weekly	Clinical site hours
		Cohort 002	MFT 800 002 (W) 4-6pm e/o Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)			
	Fall	Cohort 001	MFT 735 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 740 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 760 001 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 760 002 (W) 7:30-9pm	Clinical site hours
		Cohort 002	MFT 740 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 735 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 760 003 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 760 004 (W) 7:30-9pm All sections weekly	
	Spring	Cohort 001	MFT 700 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 745 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 770 001 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 770 002 (W) 7:30-9pm	Clinical site hours
		Cohort 002	MFT 745 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 700 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)	MFT 770 003 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 770 004 (W) 7:30-9pm All sections weekly	
	GRAD	May of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year				

### Course titles

MFT 600 - Foundations of Systemic Practice  
 MFT 605 - MFT Theories & Models  
 MFT 610 - Clinical Treatment: Families/Groups  
 MFT 620 - Diverse/Multicultural Communities  
 MFT 625 - Clinical Treatment: Couples/Intimate Relationships  
 MFT 630 - Mental Health Diagnosis & Treatment  
 MFT 635 - Systemic/Relational Assessment  
 MFT 700 - Research & Evaluation  
 MFT 725 - Relational Practicum  
 MFT 735 - Lifespan Development  
 MFT 740 - Clinical Treatment: Child/Adolescent  
 MFT 745 - Contemporary Issues & Collaboration  
 MFT 750 - Clinical Internship I  
 MFT 760 - Clinical Internship II  
 MFT 770 - Clinical Internship III  
 MFT 800 - Ethics, Law & Social Responsibility

### Optional course

MFT 780 - Clinical Internship IV (if needed to finish hours)

Course descriptions can be found at the bottom of this [catalog page](#).

### *Typical Two-Year Full-Time Schedule*

Fall Year 1 - MFT 600, MFT 605, MFT 620, MFT 630  
 Spring Year 1 - MFT 610, MFT 625, MFT 635, MFT 725  
 Summer Year 1 - MFT 750, MFT 800, Internship  
 Fall Year 2 - MFT 735, MFT 740, MFT 760, Internship  
 Spring Year 2 - MFT 700, MFT 745, MFT 770, Internship

*Remember: If you have a part-time schedule or have a different timeline than the standard two-year schedule, please check in at the end of each semester with your advisor to verify you are on track.*



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## Our Team Continues to Grow & Evolve ... Spring Semester & beyond ...



### **Julia Smith, LMFT, IAYT**

Full-time Lecturer, AAMFT Approved Supervisor, Academic Advisor, Faculty Committee Chair & Student Rep Advisor

SPRING: MFT 610 sections 001 & 002 – Clinical Tx: Families & Groups

FALL: MFT 605 sections 001 & 002 – MFT Theories & Models



### **Sam Egehoff, LMFT**

Clinical Director at The Family Center & AAMFT Approved Supervisor, Supervision Committee Chair

SPRING: MFT 725 sections 001 & 002 – Relational Practicum

### **Julie Jensen, TFC**

Operations Manager at The Family Center & AAMFT Approved Supervisor

SPRING MFT 725 sections 001 & 002 – Relational Practicum



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### Upcoming Departure ...

*I wanted to let you all know that I have made the decision to step away from my position as Operations Manager at the end of the semester. While I have loved working with you all, this job has come with some sacrifices of time with my family (both my kids at home and my kids away from home). As much as I will miss being at TFC full time, it is the right decision for me. I plan to stay connected as a supervisor and/or instructor going forward and hope to stay connected with all of you as you become my colleagues in the field. – Julie Jensen*

Julie, you have been a core part of our team and you will be extremely missed.

We will be grateful for any opportunity to work with you in the future.

Wishing you the absolute best for you and your family ... from all of us!!!!

As we move through this program and in life, it is important to keep self care in mind for ourselves and for each other.

This may mean prioritizing our time, our families, our activities, or seeking our own mental health support.

- Personal Counseling offers **10 free sessions** per year (608-663-4148). Private and confidential.

- The **EC Cares Team** provides support for anyone you may be worried about, including yourself. The Student Affairs Office maintains confidentiality.

<https://www.edgewood.edu/current-students/dean-of-students-office/>.



### **A Few Emergency Resources to Know**

Madison Police Department Emergency: 911

Edgewood College Security: (608) 663-4321

24-hour Mental Health Crisis Line of Dane County: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988

## Clinical Internship Series/Group Supervision (4 sections)



**Mike Thalasinis, LMFT**

Part-time Lecturer & AAMFT Approved Supervisor

INTERNSHIP YEAR:  
MFT 750, 760, 770 section **001** – Clinical Internship series, I/II/III



**Anne Totero, LMFT**

Part-time Lecturer & AAMFT Approved Supervisor

INTERNSHIP YEAR:  
MFT 750, 760, 770 section **003** – Clinical Internship series, I/II/III



**Tammy Conrad, LMFT**

Part-time Lecturer & AAMFT Approved Supervisor

INTERNSHIP YEAR:  
MFT 750, 760, 770 section **002** – Clinical Internship series, I/II/III

FALL: MFT 740 sections 001 & 002 – Clinical Treatment: Child/Adolescent



**Melinda Bailey, PhD**

Program Mentor, Supervision Committee Mentor, Systemic Supervisor, and Guest Lecturer

MFT 750 section **004** – Clinical Internship series, I



**Rosa Morrow, LMFT**

Part-time Lecturer & AAMFT Supervisor Candidate

MFT 760, 770 section **004** – Clinical Internship series, II/III

SUMMER: MFT 800 sections 001 & 002 – Ethics, Law & Social Responsibility

## More of Our Team



**CJ Webster, LMFT**

Adjunct Instructor & AAMFT Approved Supervisor

FALL: MFT 600 sections 001 & 002 – Foundations of Systemic Practice



**Becky Ketarkus, RN, BSN, MSN**

Adjunct Instructor

FALL: MFT 735 sections 001 & 002 – Lifespan Development



**Erika Blain, LMFT**

Adjunct Instructor

FALL: MFT 630 sections 001 & 002 – Mental Health Diagnosis & Treatment



**Cerissa Wills, LMFT**

Adjunct Instructor

SPRING: MFT 745 sections 001 & 002 – Contemporary Issues & Collaboration

## Newest Members of our Team



**Melissa Warren, LMFT**

Adjunct Instructor

FALL: MFT 620 sections 001 & 002 – Diverse/Multicultural Communities

Melissa works in private practice at Calm Water Counseling LLC, specializing in couples work with a special focus on working with neurodivergent couples and complex relationship dynamics. She enjoys helping couples break unhealthy patterns and create new beginnings. Additionally, she works as a social worker in the disability field for the children's waiver.



**Courtney McCaw, LMFT**

Adjunct Instructor

SPRING: MFT 635 sections 001 & 002 – Systemic/Relational Assessment

Courtney works with Edelweiss Behavioral Health LLC, a group private practice specializing in higher level of care for eating disorders and obsessive-compulsive disorders. Courtney provides weekly outpatient therapy for a variety of concerns, specializing in eating disorders, anxiety disorders and family therapy.



**Sam Troemel, LMFT**

Adjunct Instructor

SPRING: MFT 625 sections 001 & 002 – Clinical Tx: Couples & Intimate Relationships

I help partners in queer, polyamorous, and kink communities cultivate strong relationships, disrupt harmful patterns, and build community more effectively. With expertise in sex therapy and a deep understanding of the beauty of queer relationships, my goal is to help partners feel more secure, intimate, and connected, one conversation at a time.



**Dr. Marlo Zarzaur**

Adjunct Instructor & DSPS Approved MFT Supervisor

SPRING: MFT 700 sections 001 & 002 – Research & Evaluation

Marlo Carney Zarzaur, Ed.D, LPC-MHSP is new to Madison after working in a large private practice for 14 years in Memphis, TN. She specializes in treating children, adolescents and their families. Today she has her own practice in Madison continuing her clinical focus on the diagnosis and treatment of 2-25 year olds and their families.