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The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), at its April 21-22, 2017 meeting, reviewed the Marriage and Family Therapy (MS) program at University of Rochester for Renewal of Accreditation. This review included consideration of the program's Eligibility Criteria, Self-Study, COAMFTE's Self-Study Review Letter, Program's Additional Information, Site Visit Report, Program's Response to Site Visit Report, and any additional materials submitted by the program. The Commission determined that the program confirmed eligibility for accreditation through the submission of a substantially complete response to the Eligibility Criteria.

The Commission voted to grant Renewal of Accreditation for a period of seven (7) years, May 1, 2017 - May 1, 2024.

The Commission's review of the program's Renewal of Accreditation materials is below:

STANDARD I: OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION

Key Element I-A: Outcome-Based Education Framework

The program has an overall outcome-based education framework that includes the following:

- *A description of the program's mission, and how it fits with the larger institutional setting of the program.*
- *Specific program goals (which describe broad aspirations for the program and for students/graduates of the program) are clearly derived from the program's mission and that promote the development of Marriage and Family Therapists (including knowledge, practice, diversity, research, and ethics competencies).*
- *Measurable Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for each program goal.*
- *Programs must include SLOs that measure student/graduate achievement appropriate to the program's mission and goals.*

- *Specific assessment measures for operationalizing the achievement of Student Learning Outcomes (including student/graduate achievement) including targets and benchmarks. Measurement includes assessment of students' academic and professional competencies by the faculty and others, appropriate to the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of an institutionally derived mission, Program Goals with associated Student Learning Outcomes which have specific assessment measures for operationalizing the achievement, and target benchmarks. All of which promote the development of Marriage and Family Therapist's knowledge, practice, diversity, research, and ethics competencies.

Key Element I-B: Assessment Plan with Mechanisms and Timeline

The program has an overall assessment plan that includes:

- *Mechanisms in place for evaluating/reviewing the Student Learning Outcomes, including student/graduate achievements (utilizing specific measures identified in I-A).*
- *Mechanisms in place for evaluating student support services; curriculum and teaching/learning practices; fiscal and physical resources; technological resources; and instructional and clinical resources to determine sufficiency for attainment of targeted program outcomes.*
- *An assessment plan and corresponding timeline that addresses when, from whom, and how data is collected, and a description of how data will be aggregated and analyzed and the findings used for program improvement (feedback loop). The assessment plan should include a specific description of how the program will review and revise, as needed, their overall outcome-based education framework and assessment plan.*
- *The assessment plan must incorporate feedback from Communities of Interest (as defined in Key Element I-C).*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that it implemented assessments and review of these assessments and now has an assessment plan, with mechanisms and timeline via their new Annual Assessment Inventory.

Key Element I-C: Communities of Interest

The program identifies its Communities of Interest, obtains formal and informal feedback from them, and describes how they inform the program's mission, goals, and Student Learning Outcomes. Communities of Interest vary according to the program's mission, goals, and outcomes and may include, but are not limited to, students, administrators, faculty, supervisors, consumers, graduates, potential employers, germane regulatory bodies, germane private and public funding sources, and diverse, marginalized, and/or underserved groups within these communities.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of how it obtains and is informed by the program's Communities of Interest feedback via annual surveys and participation in curriculum meetings, supervisor meetings, exit interviews, and an annual faculty retreat.

STANDARD II: COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Key Element II-A: Multiculturally-informed Education Approach

The program has a multiculturally-informed educational approach that includes:

- 1) specific program goals with specific Student Learning Outcomes reflecting a commitment to diversity and inclusion;*
- 2) an overarching definition of diversity; and*
- 3) curriculum elements with accompanying teaching/learning practices consistent with the program's mission. The educational approach includes the teaching of ideas and professional practices for MFTs that address a range of diversity, including (but not limited to) race, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, disability, health status, religious, spiritual, and/or political beliefs, nation of origin or other relevant social categories, immigration or language.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that it has a multiculturally-informed educational approach with specific Program Goals and specific Student Learning Outcomes reflecting a commitment to diversity and inclusion, an overarching definition of diversity, and curriculum elements with accompanying teaching/learning practices consistent with the program's mission which addresses a range of diversity.

Key Element II-B: Program Climate of Safety, Respect, and Appreciation

The program demonstrates a climate of safety, respect, and appreciation for all learners including those from diverse, marginalized, and/or underserved communities, and has mechanisms in place for evaluating the climate and responding to any feedback regarding the climate.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of numerous opportunities for students to have mentoring via advisors and supervisor meetings, student evaluations and a student survey section on atmosphere and environment.

Key Element II-C: Experience with Diverse, Marginalized, and/or Underserved Communities

The program demonstrates student experience in Couple or Marriage and Family Therapy practice with diverse, marginalized, and/or underserved communities. Experiences may include:

- 1) professional activities (such as therapy, research, supervision, consultation, teaching, etc.) with diverse, marginalized, and/or underserved communities; and/or*
- 2) other types of activities (such as projects, service, interviews, workshops, etc.), as long as the program can demonstrate that the experience is directly related to MFT activities, and students are in interaction with members of these communities.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of a tracking system which students utilize to document their actual experience with diverse populations.

STANDARD III: INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORTS

Key Element III-A: Fiscal and Physical Resources

The program demonstrates that fiscal and physical resources are sufficient to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. These resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that it reviews the program's fiscal and physical resources and revises them as needed. The program also clarified how it determines sufficiency of fiscal and physical resources in their Response Letter to the Self-Study Review detailing that sufficiency which includes number of faculty and supervisors, as well as support staff to accomplish the Program Goals and learning needs of the students.

Key Element III-B: Technological Resources

The program demonstrates that technological resources (e.g., laptops, audio/visual equipment, EMRs and Billing Systems, Virtual Meeting Space) are secure, confidential, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliant (if relevant), and sufficient to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. These resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that it reviews the technological resources and revises them as needed and that resources are secure, confidential and HIPAA compliant via an inventory of technological resources each year during the University's process for capital budget requests. The program indicates further that adequacy of technological resources is also addressed regularly in monthly meetings coordinated by the Office of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs, which a co-director attends regularly. Additionally, the program has updated their exit survey and student survey to include questions regarding sufficiency of technological resources.

Key Element III-C: Instructional and Clinical Resources

The program demonstrates that instructional and clinical resources (e.g., space, personnel, supplies) are sufficient to enable the program to meet the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. These resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that it reviews the program's instructional and clinical resources via the Annual Calendar and revises them as needed to support program effectiveness. The program also indicated that both surveys, the student survey and the exit survey, now include specific questions about the sufficiency of these resources. The Site Visit Team was also able to verify that students report sufficiency with these resources.

Key Element III-D: Academic Resources and Student Support Services

The program demonstrates that academic resources (e.g., library, advising, writing centers) and student support services (e.g., access to counseling, financial advising) are accessible to students and sufficient to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. These resources are reviewed based on core faculty and student input, and the program takes action or advocates for institutional change to address areas required for program effectiveness.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that academic resources and student support services are accessible to students. Evidence that the program has sufficient academic resources and student support services was also found by the Site Visit Team via meetings with students.

Key Element III-E: Faculty Qualifications & Responsibilities

The faculty roles, in teaching, scholarship, service, and practice are identified clearly and are congruent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.

- *The faculty members are academically, professionally, and experientially qualified to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. The qualifications must be identified in documented descriptions of roles and responsibilities. Faculty members must have documented expertise in their area(s) of teaching responsibility and knowledge of the content delivery method (e.g., distance learning).*
- *The program must demonstrate that it has mechanisms for reviewing and evaluating faculty effectiveness in support of the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. Faculty evaluations include explicit links to the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that the faculty roles, in teaching, scholarship, service, and practice are identified clearly and are congruent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes, and that faculty are academically, professionally, and experientially qualified to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes and that the program has mechanisms for reviewing and evaluating faculty effectiveness.

Key Element III-F: Faculty Sufficiency

The faculty must be sufficient in number with a faculty-student ratio that permits the achievement of the program's mission, goals, and outcomes and ensures that student educational needs are met. These resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness.

- *The program must have sufficient core faculty members who are knowledgeable and involved in ongoing program development, delivery, and evaluation required to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.*
- *The program must have a stated process for evaluation of ongoing sufficiency of faculty resources.*
- *The program must demonstrate there are sufficient faculty and effective linking mechanisms with feedback loops, such as regular coordination, meetings, and/or communication, to connect and involve all faculty members in the achievement of expected and actual Student Learning Outcomes of the program.*
- *The program is permitted to use a combination of full-time, part-time and/or multiple adjuncts.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of faculty sufficiency with a faculty-student ratio that permits the achievement of the program's mission, goals, and outcomes and ensures that student educational needs are met. The program provided evidence that faculty resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness via faculty meetings.

Key Element III-G: Governance of Program

Roles of faculty and student participation in the governance of the program are clearly defined and enable the program to meet the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.

The program must describe decision-making processes and procedures at the program and institutional levels regarding the operation of the program that support program effectiveness.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of clearly defined faculty and student participation in the governance of the program through a student representative and faculty meetings. The program described decision-making processes and procedures at the program and institutional levels regarding the operation of the program that support program effectiveness.

Key Element III-H: Supervisor Qualifications & Responsibilities

Supervisors must be AAMFT Approved Supervisors or meet the supervisor equivalency definition in the glossary. Supervisor roles, as distinguished from teaching faculty, are identified clearly and are congruent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.

- *Supervisors are academically, professionally, and experientially qualified to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. The qualifications must be identified in documented descriptions of roles and responsibilities.*
- *If supervisor equivalency is used, there must be full disclosure to students in order for them to make informed decisions and evaluate regulatory implications for other states/provinces/locations.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of having supervisors who are academically, professionally, and experientially qualified to achieve the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. The program also provided evidence that they inform students about supervisor equivalency at the outset of the program in orientation.

Key Element III-I: Supervisor Sufficiency

Supervisors must be sufficient in number with a supervisor-student ratio that permits the achievement of the program's mission, goals, and outcomes, especially Student Learning Outcomes. Supervisory resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness.

- *The program must have a stated process for evaluation of ongoing sufficiency of supervisor resources.*
- *The program must demonstrate there are sufficient and effective linking mechanisms with feedback loops, such as regular coordination, meetings, and/or communication, connecting and involving all supervisors in the achievement of expected and actual achievement of Student Learning Outcomes within the program.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence that it has supervisor sufficiency that permits the achievement of the program's mission, goals, and outcomes, especially Student Learning Outcomes. Supervisory resources are reviewed, revised as needed, and support program effectiveness and the program provided evidence that it has a process for evaluating supervisor sufficiency.

STANDARD IV: CURRICULUM

Key Element IV-A: Curriculum and Teaching/Learning Practices

The program must provide:

- *A description of the logical sequencing of the curriculum and practice components, including rationale for how the program's goals and accompanying Student Learning Outcomes fit within the program offered (e.g., where goals and outcomes are addressed and assessed within the curriculum).*
- *A description of key teaching/learning practices used to accomplish program goals, and Student Learning Outcomes.*
- *A description of processes and procedures to ensure and monitor student progress and completion of requirements.*
- *A description of governance processes and procedures for designing, approving, implementing, reviewing, and changing the curriculum.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of logical sequencing of the curriculum and practice components, including rationale for how the Program's Goals and accompanying Student Learning Outcomes fit within the program offered through the table of courses matched with Student Learning Outcomes, PMFTP's and a curriculum map. The program further described key teaching/learning practices via syllabi and a narrative in their Self-Study. The program also provided a description of processes and procedures to ensure and monitor student progress and completion of requirements via the Assessment Day and a description of governance processes and procedures for designing, approving, implementing, reviewing, and changing the curriculum via faculty, supervisor, curriculum meetings as well as faculty retreats, exit interviews and surveys.

Key Element IV-B: Foundational and Advanced Curricula

Foundational Curriculum

The foundational curriculum covers the knowledge and skill required to practice as a MFT by covering the Foundational Curricular Areas below.

- *Master's degree program must demonstrate that they offer course work that covers all the FCAs that make up the foundational curriculum.*
- *Doctoral degree programs must demonstrate that they offer course work and/or that students have completed course work, in all the areas contained in the foundational curriculum or that students demonstrate competence in those areas.*
- *Post-degree programs must demonstrate that they offer course work and/or that students have completed course work in all the areas contained in the foundational curriculum, or that students demonstrate competence in those areas.*
- *Programs may combine more than one of these foundational curriculum areas into a single course, as they build their curriculum in ways that are congruent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes.*
- *Programs may emphasize some of the areas more than others and include other areas that are consistent with their program's mission, goals and outcomes. Programs may include another layer of requirements based on a specialization or emphasis (e.g., faith-based orientation, licensure laws, specialized certification, and so on) as long as there is a clear rationale and relational/systemic philosophy in the majority of the program.*

- *Minimum semester/quarter credits or equivalent clock hours are established for the first seven curricular areas. Programs may choose what combination of additional area 1 through 7 semester/quarter credits or equivalent clock hours beyond the individual area minimums will be taught consistent with their program's mission, goals, and outcomes.*
- *Programs must require students to develop and/or present an integrative/capstone experience before completion of their degree program as part of the foundational curriculum below. Programs must decide how to meet this requirement in keeping with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. Examples include: a theory of change/therapy theory presentation/paper, a thesis, a therapy portfolio, or a capstone course.*

FCA 1: Foundations of Relational/Systemic Practice, Theories & Models (Minimum of 6 semester credits/8 quarter credits/90 clock hours)

This area facilitates students developing competencies in the foundations and critical epistemological issues of MFTs. It includes the historical development of the relational/systemic perspective and contemporary conceptual foundations of MFTs, and early and contemporary models of MFT, including evidence-based practice and the biopsychosocial perspective.

FCA 2: Clinical Treatment with Individuals, Couples and Families (Minimum of 6 Credits/8 quarter credits/90 clock hours)

This area facilitates students developing competencies in treatment approaches specifically designed for use with a wide range of diverse individuals, couples, and families, including sex therapy, same-sex couples, working with young children, adolescents and elderly, interfaith couples, and includes a focus on evidence-based practice. Programs must include content on crisis intervention.

FCA 3: Diverse, Multicultural and/or Underserved Communities (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)

This area facilitates students developing competencies in understanding and applying knowledge of diversity, power, privilege and oppression as these relate to race, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, disability, health status, religious, spiritual and/or beliefs, nation of origin or other relevant social categories throughout the curriculum. It includes practice with diverse, international, multicultural, marginalized, and/or underserved communities, including developing competencies in working with sexual and gender minorities and their families as well as anti-racist practices.

FCA 4: Research & Evaluation (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)

This area facilitates students developing competencies in MFT research and evaluation methods, and in evidence-based practice, including becoming an informed consumer of couple, marriage, and family therapy research. If the program's mission, goals, and outcomes include preparing students for doctoral degree programs, the program must include an increased emphasis on research.

FCA 5: Professional Identity, Law, Ethics & Social Responsibility (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)

This area addresses the development of a MFT Identity and socialization, and facilitates students developing competencies in ethics in MFT practice, including understanding and applying the AAMFT Code of Ethics and understanding legal responsibilities.

FCA 6: Biopsychosocial Health & Development Across the Life Span (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)

This area addresses individual and family development, human sexuality, and biopsychosocial health across the lifespan.

FCA 7: Systemic/Relational Assessment & Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment (Minimum of 3 Credits/4 quarter credits/45 clock hours)

This area facilitates students developing competencies in traditional psycho-diagnostic categories, psychopharmacology, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of major mental health issues as well as a wide variety of common presenting problems including addiction, suicide, trauma, abuse, intra-familial violence, and therapy for individuals, couples, and families managing acute chronic medical conditions, utilizing a relational/systemic philosophy.

The following areas must be covered in the curriculum in some way, though there are no minimum credit requirements.

FCA 8: Contemporary Issues

This area facilitates students developing competencies in emerging and evolving contemporary challenges, problems, and/or recent developments at the interface of Couple or Marriage and Family Therapy knowledge and practice, and the broader local, regional, and global context. This includes such issues as immigration, technology, same-sex marriage, violence in schools, etc. These issues are to reflect the context of the program and the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. Programs are encouraged to innovate in this Foundational Curricular Area.

FCA 9: Community Intersections & Collaboration

This area facilitates students developing competencies in practice within defined contexts (e.g., healthcare settings, schools, military settings, private practice) and/or nontraditional MFT professional practice using therapeutic competencies congruent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes (e.g., community advocacy, psycho-educational groups). It also addresses developing competency in multidisciplinary collaboration.

Advanced Curriculum

The advanced curriculum advances knowledge and skill by addressing the curricular areas below.

- *Doctoral degree programs demonstrate that they offer course work in all the Advanced Curricular Areas (ACA) that make up the advanced curriculum.*
- *Post-degree programs may offer components of the advanced curriculum.*
- *Within each area, the balance of skills and competencies developed should be appropriate to the program's mission, goals, and outcomes as well as the program's local context.*
- *Programs may emphasize some of the areas more than others and include other areas that are consistent with their program's mission, goals, and outcomes.*

ACA 1: Advanced Research

This area facilitates students in developing competencies in: a) advanced research, including demonstrated proficiency in quantitative methods and analysis techniques, qualitative methods and analysis techniques, or mixed methods and analysis techniques appropriate to carrying out research in relationships; b) demonstrated working knowledge of other methodologies and analysis techniques outside of their

proficiency area (e.g., if a student decides to become proficient in quantitative methods, s/he will have a working knowledge of qualitative methods as well); c) demonstrated understanding of the theoretical complexity of change within relationships and how this complexity informs research; d) understanding and demonstrated sensitivity to and awareness of how issues of diversity in terms of culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, SES, etc. play a role in their choice of research topics and their conduct of research activities; and e) students should have opportunities to participate in grants and grant-writing activities, and in the publication and presentation of research material.

ACA 2: Advanced Relational/Systemic Clinical Theory

This area facilitates students developing advanced clinical competencies including: a) demonstrating an advanced understanding and application of multiple family and couple models and empirically-supported interventions; b) skill in working with diverse populations across the lifespan through direct clinical work or in supervision of the therapy of others; c) demonstration of an awareness of cultural issues, differences, and personal blind spots in their clinical and supervisory work; and d) development of a specialized clinical area that is grounded in research and is at an advanced level of intervention and understanding.

ACA 3: Advanced Relational/Systemic Applications to Contemporary Challenges

This area facilitates the development of leading-edge professionals who develop relational/systemic innovations. This includes application to controversial moral and advanced ethical dilemmas, international, cross-cultural, and multicultural issues in Couple or Marriage and Family Therapy professional roles, responsibilities, practices, and applications to other contemporary problems. This area also includes a focus on family policy and/or family law.

ACA 4: Foundations of Relational/Systemic Teaching, Supervision, Consultation, and/or Leadership

This area facilitates the development of competencies in relational/systemic teaching, supervision, and/or MFT consultation. This may include educational/learning theories, relevant research, multicultural content, evaluation and assessment methods, ethics and professional issues, and personal philosophy. This area also addresses administrative competencies including program development and policy, leadership roles and evaluation of MFT educational and service oriented institutions and agencies. Students who intend to teach at the higher education level will develop and apply a teaching philosophy, as well as demonstrate the capacity to develop and apply course evaluation methods and Student Learning Outcomes. All students will demonstrate skills in clinical supervision. Students who have teaching opportunities in formal or informal settings will demonstrate a sensitivity to issues of diversity in the material they teach, to the persons they are teaching, and in the ways in which information and correction is provided.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of meeting or exceeding the Foundational Curricula via a curriculum chart. The program also includes a capstone portfolio as the required capstone experience.

Key Element IV-C: Foundational and Advanced Application Components

The program must demonstrate they offer an application component with appropriate placement in the curriculum, duration, focus, and intensity consistent with their program's mission, goals, and outcomes.

Foundational Practice Component

- *Master's degree program and Post-degree programs that teach the foundational curriculum offer the foundational practice component (practicum and/or internship).*
- *Includes a minimum of 500 clinical contact hours with individuals, couples, families and other systems physically present, at least 40% of which must be relational. The 500 hours must occur over a minimum of twelve months of clinical practice. The 500 hours may include a maximum of 100 alternative hours or clinical activity (e.g., couple or family groups, live cases where reflecting teams are directly involved in working with clients, etc.) that is directly related to the program's mission, outcomes, and goals. Alternatively, the program may demonstrate that graduating students achieve a competency level equivalent to the 500 client contact hours. The program must define this competency level and document how students are evaluated and achieve the defined level. The program demonstrates a consistent set of evaluation criteria for achieving the defined level of competency across all students. In addition, programs that do not require 500 hours must document that students are informed about licensure portability issues that may result from not having 500 hours. Those programs requiring less than 500 hours may not use alternative hours to count toward total client contact hours.*
- *The program demonstrates a commitment to relational/systemic-oriented supervision. Students must receive at least 100 hours of supervision, and must receive supervision from an AAMFT Approved Supervisor or Supervisor Candidate for at least one hour each week in which they are seeing clients. Additional supervision may be provided by AAMFT Approved Supervisors, Supervisor Equivalents, or State Approved Supervisors. Supervision can be individual (one supervisor with one or two supervisees) or group (one supervisor and eight or fewer students) and must include a minimum of 50 hours of supervision utilizing observable data. Supervision may utilize digital technology in which participants are not in the same location as long as the majority of supervision is with supervisor and supervisee physically present in the same location and appropriate mechanisms/precautions are in place to ensure the confidentiality and security of the means of technology delivery.*
- *Programs have agreements with practice sites that outline the institutions', the practice sites' and the students' responsibilities, and published procedures in place for managing any difficulties with sites, supervisors, or students.*

Advanced Practical Experience Component

- *Programs that teach the advanced curriculum must offer the advanced experience component.*
- *Areas include selected experiences consistent with the program's mission, goals, and outcomes in any of the following: advanced research, grant-writing, teaching, supervision, consultation, advanced clinical theory, clinical practice/innovation, program development, leadership, or policy. In addition, programs may offer experiences in presenting and professional writing.*
- *The program must demonstrate appropriate and adequate mentoring of students during the experience.*
- *The advanced experiences offered by doctoral degree programs must address a minimum of two of the areas noted above and combined be over a minimum of 9 months.*
- *The advanced experiences offered by post-graduate programs must address a minimum of one area and combined be over a minimum of 6 months.*

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of implementing the foundational practice component which includes a minimum of 500 clinical contact

hours with individuals, couples, families and other systems physically present, at least 40% of which must be relational, 100 of which can be alternative hours, and 100 supervision hours by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor or the equivalent. The program also provided evidence that it has agreements with practice sites that outline the institutions', the practice sites' and the students' responsibilities, and published procedures in place for managing any difficulties with sites, supervisors, or students.

Key Element IV-D: Program and Regulatory Alignment

The program demonstrates that graduates have met educational and clinical practice requirements (e.g., coursework, clinical experience, and supervision) that satisfy the regulatory requirements for entry-level practice in the state, province, or location in which the program physically resides or in which the student intends to practice. Programs must also document that students are informed (e.g., demonstrate review of appropriate regulatory sites or licensing laws) about the educational, clinical, and regulatory requirements for entry-level practice in the state, province, or location in which each student resides or intends to practice.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of tracking how students meet the educational and clinical practice requirements (e.g., coursework, clinical experience, and supervision) that satisfy the regulatory requirements for entry-level practice in New York and instructs the students on how to determine licensure requirements in the state where they intend to practice.

Key Element IV-E: Curriculum/Practice Alignment with Communities of Interest

The program demonstrates that it considers the needs and expectations of identified Communities of Interest in developing and revising its curriculum and application component.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of curriculum and application component changes that result from Communities of Interest feedback obtained via monthly faculty, supervisors, and curriculum committee meetings. Changes included moving two courses from Fall to the previous Summer to better facilitate the transition to clinical practice along with others.

STANDARD V: PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVEMENT

Key Element V-A: Demonstrated Student/Graduate Achievement

The program provides aggregated data regularly collected on student/graduate achievement.

Commission's Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of regularly collecting data on student/graduate achievement via course evaluations, Assessment Days, practicum evaluations, and exit interviews.

Key Element V-B: Demonstrated Achievement of Program Goals

The program describes how data was analyzed and provides aggregated data that demonstrates achievement of each program goal via data from measured Student Learning Outcomes, based on targets and benchmarks provided in the program's outcome-based education framework—data from Student Learning Outcomes demonstrate that the program is meeting program goals.

Commission’s Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of demonstrated achievement of Program Goals.

Key Element V-C: Demonstrated Achievement of Faculty Effectiveness

The program must demonstrate faculty effectiveness in achieving the program’s mission, goals, and outcomes.

- *The program provides aggregated data that demonstrates the Program Director provides effective leadership for the program to achieve its program’s mission, goals, and outcomes.*
- *The program provides aggregated data that demonstrates the performance and achievements of faculty that support attainment of the program’s mission, goals, and outcomes.*

Commission’s Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of faculty effectiveness. The program also provided evidence that the Institute for the Family Director evaluates both of the Program Co-Directors’ effectiveness.

Key Element V-D: Demonstrated Program Improvement

The program demonstrates how evidence is used to maintain the achievement of Student Learning Outcomes and/or foster program improvement with plans for future improvement based on the evidence. Evidence includes but is not limited to findings regarding program goals and outcomes, student/graduate achievement, Communities of Interest, and evaluations (as described in the assessment plan) of curriculum and teaching/learning practices; fiscal and physical resources; technological resources; instructional and clinical resources; academic resources; and student support resources. Data should demonstrate that the program is meeting its goals and outcomes, especially specified targets and benchmarks and if not, what plans the program has for meeting or modifying its goals.

Commission’s Response:

The program meets the requirements of this Key Element. The program provided evidence of how evidence is used to maintain the achievement of Student Learning Outcomes and/or foster program improvement with plans for future improvement based on the evidence through such methods as Assessment Day and the capstone portfolio.

The following documents must be submitted in the required format by the noted deadlines:

Document	Submission Deadline
Annual Report	January 31, 2018

In accordance with COAMFTE policy, the program will need to submit an Annual Report on January 31st of every year of your accreditation term.

Please feel free to contact the Accreditation Office by e mail at coa@aamft.org or by phone at (703) 253- 0448 if you have further questions or if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

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COAMFTE Chair

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