



May 5, 2025

Dr. Jacob Priest
Marriage and Family Therapy Program
University of Iowa (PhD)

Dear Dr. Priest:

The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), at its April 14-15, 2025 meeting, reviewed the program's compliance with Maintenance of Accreditation policy and procedures for the Marriage and Family Therapy (PhD) program at the University of Iowa. The Commission determined that the program failed to maintain compliance with COAMFTE standards and procedures, as it did not submit the required Annual Report or pay the related maintenance fee that was due on January 31, 2025. As a result, the Commission voted to withdraw the program's accreditation and to consider it closed.

The University of Iowa's Marriage and Family Therapy (PhD) program's accreditation status is considered expired on **May 1, 2025**. The program has been removed from the directory of COAMFTE accredited programs.

Below is a brief outline of the recent procedural history of the COAMFTE accreditation process for the MFT PhD program at the University of Iowa.

1. On October 19, 2022, the program notified COAMFTE of its plans to close the program in the Spring/Summer of 2025. At the same time, the program noted that the University Administration expressed its commitment "to make sure we have the resources to maintain our accreditation status until the last student graduates."
2. On January 16, 2024, the program submitted its plan of closure to COAMFTE and asked for an extension of accreditation for one month to June 1, 2025.
3. COAMFTE repeatedly contacted the program via email and telephone on several occasions (i.e., January 16, 22, 24, and 31, 2025 and February 1, 3, 7, 10 and 11, 2025) to request the required annual report to demonstrate ongoing compliance with the Maintenance of Accreditation Criteria in COAMFTE Standards Version 12.5 and supporting annual fee, but there has consistently been no reply.
4. On February 25, 2025, COAMFTE sent a final notification that the 2024 Annual Report and Annual Sustaining Fee had not been submitted. The program failed to respond to the notification, which resulted in a withdrawal of accreditation.

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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