School of Theology and Ministry
Master of Arts in Couples and Family Therapy

Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the priority deadlines. International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the International Requirements Page, for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.

- Complete graduate application form and submit the $55 non-refundable application fee. The fee is waived for Seattle University alumni and employees.
- Evidence of the minimum of an earned four-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution or U.S. equivalent. Submit an official, degree-posted transcript from the last 90 quarter/60 semester graded credits of your bachelor’s degree, including any transfer institution credit earned during this time period. Official transcripts from any post-baccalaureate institution will also be required.
- Domestic applicants with GPA below 3.00 in last 90 quarter/60 semester credits or have graduated from a non-graded institution, submit official Miller Analogy Test (MAT) scores. International applicants are required to have 3.00 GPA or higher.
- Two letters of recommendation from professional and/or academic sources (e.g., supervisor, professor). At least one should be from a person who can speak to your ability to work with diverse populations. (Note: Recommendation forms are provided electronically through the application).
- Résumé reflecting professional and/or volunteer experiences in the helping field (e.g., social service, education, or ministry).
- A 1000-1250 word personal statement that addresses all of the following:
  - personal, professional, and academic history and how they have led to your decision to become a couples and family therapist;
  - professional and career goals and how a degree in spiritually-integrated couples and family therapy will help you to reach those goals;
  - ways in which social justice and becoming a culturally responsive couples and family therapist align with your professional interests (you may include experience, education/training, and interest in working with culturally and spiritually diverse populations);
  - reasons for wanting to study at Seattle University’s Couples and Family Therapy program; and
  - you may explain any special circumstances in your background and/or history and elaborate on any distinctive abilities or achievements.
- Interview with STM admissions committee faculty.
- Applicants for whom English is a non-native language must demonstrate English proficiency regardless of English language studies, residence in the United States or an English-speaking country, or immigration status. Graduate applicants with a baccalaureate or higher degrees from recognized colleges in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia and who have continued to reside in countries where English is the primary language for at least two years prior to applying to Seattle University will have this requirement waived. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 92 (IBT), or 580 (PBT); the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 7.0; PTE score of 63.

Send documents directly to Graduate Admissions:

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