

# CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL-BASED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

family therapist. Academic suitability refers to the demonstration of sufficient aptitude conceptually and in coursework to function effectively as a school-based marriage and family therapist.

- Any candidate who does not receive approval to enroll in MFTH 6570 will be unable to use all courses completed at Fairfield University towards certification from the Department of Education.

## Requirements

The seven required courses may be taken concurrently with the candidate's master's program or after completion of the degree. Completion of the master's degree and certificate are noted on the student's transcript. The courses required for the certificate are as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 5442	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC/PSYG 6534	Theories of Learning	3
MFTH 5447	Human Development Across the Family Lifecycle	3
MFTH 6555	Foundations of Marital and Family Therapy	3
MFTH 6570	School-Based Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy	3
SPED 5403	Foundations in Research and Evaluation of Psychoeducational Issues in Special Education	3
SPED/TSLA 5419	Special Learners in the Bilingual/ESL Classroom	3
or TSLA 5477	Culture and Second Language Acquisition	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

### Notes:

- MFTH 5447 and MFTH 6555 are core courses in the regular MFT master's degree program and are taken as part of the MA curriculum. These courses will count toward the certificate program as well.
- EDUC 5442, EDUC 6534/PSYG 6534, MFTH 6570, SPED 5403, SPED 5419/TSLA 5419, and TSLA 5477 may be taken by MFT master's degree candidates *only* after completing a brief paper application for the SB-MFT certificate and providing passing test scores on the Praxis Core, SAT, ACT, or GRE.
- Completion of the SB-MFT admission application does not commit the student to completion of the certificate program. It does ensure that, if the certificate program is completed, notification will be posted on the student's transcript after graduation from the MFT master's degree program.
- MFTH 6570 may be taken concurrently with or after completion of EDUC 5442 and SPED 5403. Candidates must receive approval prior to enrollment in MFTH 6570. Approval is obtained from the Department Chair after the Department Chair verifies with all instructors that the candidate demonstrates both interpersonal and academic suitability for work in the public school system. Any candidate who is denied permission to take MFTH 6570 may not continue in the program or receive the certificate of completion. Candidates also will not receive endorsement from the program faculty or administrators for certification with the State of Connecticut. Interpersonal suitability refers to all dispositional characteristics that might interfere with the candidate's ability to function effectively in the capacity of a school-based marriage and