



A private nonprofit affiliate of University of Massachusetts

State Licensure Information: Virginia

Licensing Board: [Virginia Board of Counseling](#)

Accreditation Information: Does not require accreditation.

The University of Massachusetts Global is regionally accredited under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Degree Program total unit requirement: A minimum of 60

Course equivalency: One (1) course is equal to three (3) semester credits (units)

Courses or course work required:

1. 2 courses covering Marriage and Family Studies
2. 2 courses covering Marriage and Family Therapy
3. 1 course covering Human Development
4. 1 course covering Abnormal Behaviors
5. 1 course covering Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors
6. 1 course covering Multicultural Counseling
7. 1 course covering Research Methods or Statistics
8. 1 course covering Professional Issues and Ethics
9. 1 course covering Assessment and Treatment

Courses required compared to UMass Global courses offered:

Virginia Course Work	UMass Global Equivalency
Marriage and Family Studies	PSYU 502 – History and Foundations of Therapeutic Practices
	PSYU 538 – Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Disorders
Marriage and Family therapy	PSYU 512 – Family Therapy Theories and Techniques: A Modern Emphasis
	PSYU 526 – Family Therapy Theories and Techniques: A Postmodern Emphasis
Human Development	PSYU 522 – Individual and Family Development
Abnormal Behaviors	PSYU 510 - Psychopathology and Diagnosis
Diagnosis and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors	PSYU 516 - Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse
Multicultural Counseling	PSYU 524 – Clinical Issues in Human Diversity
Research	PSYU 528 - Research and Bibliographic Methods
Professional Ethics	PSYU 506 - Ethics and Professional Issues
Assessment and Treatment	PSYU 534 – Clinical Assessment

Practicum Requirements:

In compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) standards, the University practicum requirements are standardized across all applicable states. These requirements meet or exceed your specific state guidelines for practicum. For more details regarding practicum, please contact the Clinical Support Team at mftpcclinical@umassglobal.edu.

Total Clinical Hours	Direct Client Contact Hours	Supervision Hours	Length of Practicum
400 total Hours	300 total hours	100 total hours	A minimum of 12 months
300 direct client contact hours 100 supervision hours	200 of the total direct client contact hours must be with couple and family client units. The remaining 100 hours may be individual or relational hours.	50 hours must be observable (audio and video recording as well as live supervision)	
The state of Virginia requires students to complete a total of 600 clock hours which includes a total of 300 DCC and 100 hours of supervision. The remaining 200 hours should be indirect services (case management, collateral, notes, training, etc.)			