

Internal Articulation Agreement

- I. **Articulation Agreement between**
 - a. B.A. in Psychology and M.A. Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy Program (Southern California).

- II. **Statement of Purpose**
 - a. This agreement has been entered by the B.A. in Psychology program and Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy Program (Southern California). The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate credit articulation and provide a smooth transition from one related degree program to another. The agreement allows B.A. students to take M.A. courses outlined in Appendix A in lieu of B.A. courses, thus reducing time to master's degree completion. It is further recognized that the attached appendix shall describe the approved courses and the admissions eligibility. This agreement identifies all required and equivalent courses.

- III. **Terms and Conditions of Credit Transfer and/or degree:**
 - a. The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits and/or degree credits shall be in full compliance with institutional policies and all other state and Federal education policies pertaining to credit transfer. Program specific requirements and/or required courses/degree are listed and defined in Appendix A of this agreement. Students will be subject to the required admissions requirements of the Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy Program (Southern California). Students will need to indicate their interest in taking the selected courses in the program a full year in advance.

- IV. **Length of the Agreement**
 - a. This agreement shall be valid until (June 30, 2021). Thereafter, the Agreement will be reevaluated for renewal.
 - b. Either party may terminate this agreement but will need to work with institutional timelines for change (catalog publication).

- V. **Details of publication of Agreement**
 - a. This information will need to reside in the Academic Catalog. Publication is required to include the process for articulation to another degree program, the specific courses, and the admission eligibility requirements.
 - b. Program Modifications affecting either program involved in this agreement may require re-evaluation and/or amendment of Appendix A subsequent to implementation.

- VI. **Required Signatures**
 - a. Curriculum Academic Dean(s)
 - b. Curriculum Chairs
 - c. Chief Academic Officer

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- VII. **Appendix A:** “Program Articulation Table” should contain all academic details of courses and/or degree that are qualified for credit transfer.

Appendix A
Program Articulation Table

Course No.	M.A. MCFT Course Name	Credit Hours	Course No.	B.A. Psychology Course	Credit Hours
MM508	Introduction to Counseling Skills in Systematic Therapy	2	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	2
MM545	Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues in MFT	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM528	Diversity in Family Therapy	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM563	Systems Theory & Family Therapy	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM515	Psychopathology in the Family Context	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM523	Couples Therapy, Theory, & Techniques	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM521	Child and Adolescent Treatment	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM543	Models & Techniques of Family Therapy*	2	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	2
MM557	Recovery, Trauma, and Crisis Counseling with the Community	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM532	Sexual Issues in MFT	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM538	Individual & Family Development Across the Lifespan	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM560	Group Counseling & Systems	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3
MM555	Research Methods in MFT	3	BA4xx	BA Elective Course	3

Combination of Courses

Senior-year BA students can take any combination of courses in the chart that equal up to a max of 30 credits based on availability, program sequence and ability to fit into the student's schedule.

Students are strongly encouraged to take MM563: Systems Theory & Family Therapy first.

**MM543 requires that students have completed MM563 with a grade of B- or better.*

Student Eligibility Early Admission into the M.A. CFT program:

- Student must have completed at least 84 credit hours in the B.A. Psychology program to qualify for admission to the M.A. MCFT program under this agreement.

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- Student GPA must be 3.0 or higher.
- Admission to the M.A. MCFT program under this agreement requires an admission interview with the department chair that will include demonstrating a clear motivation for earning the M.A. MCFT degree.
- Student must meet professional comportment guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook and have no pending referrals to the Student Affairs Committee.
- Student must meet all other admission requirements in the TCSPS Student Handbook and Catalog for this program.

Enrollment in Master's level courses

- Students completing these master's level courses with a B or higher on the first attempt will be auto-admitted to the master's program as long as all other admission requirements have been met (to include Criminal Background Check if applicable).
- Conferral of the B.A. Psychology degree will require a total of 120 credit hours. Up to 30 credit hours may be applied per Appendix A. Student must apply for degree conferral once the graduation requirements are met. The standard degree conferral fee will apply.
- Master's Degree courses taken while a student in the B.A. program will count toward the graduation requirements of both programs (B.A. and M.A.).

Tuition

- Students will pay the B.A. Psychology tuition rate for M.A. MCFT courses while enrolled in the B.A. Psychology program