

## **Internal Articulation Agreement**

### **Articulation Agreement between BA Psychology and MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy**

#### **I. Statement of Purpose**

- a. This Internal Articulation Agreement (the “agreement”) has been entered into by the BA Psychology and MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy programs at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (the “institution”). The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate credit articulation and provide a smooth transition from a degree program to a related, higher level degree. The agreement allows advanced BA Psychology students to substitute courses from BA Psychology with courses from MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy as specified in Appendix A, thus reducing the time and cost of degree completion for MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy. It is further recognized that the attached appendix shall describe the approved courses, and the admissions eligibility is specified in Paragraphs V and VI. This agreement identifies all required and equivalent courses.

#### **II. 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 MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy. Students taking advantage of any benefits provided under this agreement remain subject to all other institutional policies and requirements not otherwise specifically addressed in this agreement.
- b. It is recommended that BA Psychology students indicate their interest in taking the selected courses in MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy a full year in advance to ensure availability of classes.

#### **III. Length of the Agreement**



- a. This agreement shall be valid until December 31, 2024. Thereafter, the agreement will be reevaluated for renewal.
- b. Either degree program may terminate this agreement at any time, following institutional procedures.

#### **IV. Details of Publication of Agreement**

- a. The details of this agreement will reside in the institution's Academic Catalog, and will 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.

#### **V. Early Admission into MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy**

- a. Student must have completed at least 84 credit hours in BA Psychology to qualify for early admission to MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy under this agreement.
- b. In addition to the above requirement, students must also:
  - i. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
  - ii. Complete a successful admission interview with MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy department chair to include the student clearly demonstrating their motivation for earning the MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy .
  - iii. Meet professional comportment guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook and have no pending referrals to the Student Affairs Committee.

#### **VI. Automatic Admission into MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy**

- a. Students completing the master's level courses listed below in Appendix A with a B- or higher on the first attempt will be auto-admitted to the MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy master's



program as long as all other admission requirements have been met (to include Criminal Background Check if applicable).

- b. Master's degree courses taken by a student enrolled in a bachelor's degree program may count toward the graduation requirements of both programs (BA and MA) provided the grade received for the master's level course is a B- or higher (as required by the TCSPP Academic Grade Policy for graduate degrees). Students who earn a grade below a B- on a master's degree course that meets the TCSPP requirements of the TCSPP Academic Grade Policy for a passing grade in an undergraduate course will have the course counted toward the bachelor's degree. For courses with a grade lower than B-, the student will be required to retake the course for master's degree level credit once enrolled the master's degree program. Master's degree courses are graded according to the TCSPP graduate level grading policy.
- c. BA Psychology students qualifying to enroll in MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy courses under this agreement may enroll in some or all of the courses listed in the Appendix A Program Articulation Table.

## **VII. Enrollment in Master's Level Courses**

- a. Student must be accepted into MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy under the terms of this agreement before enrolling in MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy courses.
- b. Conferral of BA Psychology will require a total of 120 credit hours. Up to 30 credit hours may be applied from MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy per Appendix A. Student must apply for degree conferral once the graduation requirements are met. The standard degree conferral fee will apply.
- c. MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy courses taken while a student in BA Psychology will count toward the graduation requirements of both programs, given grade requirements are met for graduate level courses.

## **VIII. Tuition**

- a. Students enrolled in MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy courses under this agreement will pay the BA Psychology tuition rate for MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy courses while enrolled in BA Psychology.



**IX. Appendix A**

- a. The following Program Articulation Table contains all academic details of courses and/or degree that are qualified for credit transfer under this agreement.

**Appendix A  
Program Articulation Table**

Up to 30 credit hours may be applied from MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy to the completion of BA Psychology.

<b>Course No.</b>	<b>MA Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Course No.</b>	<b>BA Psychology</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
MM564	Systems Theory & Family Therapy II	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	2
MM515	Psychopathology in the Family Context	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM521	Child and Adolescent Treatment	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM523	Couples Therapy, Theory, & Techniques	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM528	Diversity in Family Therapy	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM532	Sexual Issues in MFT	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM538	Individual & Family Development Across the Lifespan	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM565	Systemic Perspectives on Counseling Theories	2	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM545	Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues in MFT	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM555	Research Methods in MFT	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM557	Recovery, Trauma, & Crisis Counseling within the Community	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM560	Group Counseling & Systems	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3
MM563	Systems Theory & Family Therapy I	3	BA4XX	BA Elective	3



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