



25-IAA#09 Internal Articulation Agreement

Articulation Agreement between MA MCFT and PsyD MFT

I. Statement of Purpose

- a. This Internal Articulation Agreement (the “agreement”) has been entered into by the MA MCFT and PsyD MFT programs at The Chicago School (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 MA MCFT students to substitute courses from MA MCFT with courses from PsyD MFT as specified in Appendix A, thus reducing the time and cost of degree completion for PsyD MFT. 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 admissions requirements of PsyD MFT. 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 MA MCFT students indicate their interest in taking the selected courses in PsyD MFT a full year in advance to ensure availability of classes.

III. Length of the Agreement

- a. This agreement shall be valid until May 31, 2027. 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 Acceptance into PsyD MFT

- a. In addition to the admission requirements outlined in the institution's Academic Catalog, in order to be eligible for early acceptance into the PsyD MFT program, MA MCFT students must:
 - i. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher;
 - ii. Complete a successful admission interview with PsyD MFT department chair to include the student clearly demonstrating their motivation for earning the PsyD MFT; and
 - iii. Meet professional comportment guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook and have no pending referrals to the Student Affairs Committee.
- b. Early Acceptance into PsyD MFT is further contingent on the following two conditions. Failure to meet either condition during any semester while enrolled in MA MCFT will trigger re-evaluation of the student's application into the PsyD MFT program:
 - i. Student must score 3 or higher on the Professional Performance Evaluation (PPE) in any semester in the MA MCFT program; and
 - ii. Student must meet all requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress—as defined in the Academic Catalog—during every semester while enrolled in the MA MCFT program.

VI. Enrollment in Doctoral Level Courses

- a. In order to enroll in doctoral level courses under this agreement, students must remain in Good Academic Standing, as defined in the Academic Catalog.
- b. PsyD MFT program courses taken while a student is enrolled in MA MCFT will count toward the graduation requirements of both programs, given grade requirements are met for graduate level courses.
- c. MA MCFT students qualifying to enroll in PsyD MFT courses under this agreement may enroll in some or all of the courses listed in the Appendix A Program Articulation Table.



VII. Tuition

- a. Students enrolled in PsyD MFT courses under this agreement will pay the MA MCFT tuition rate for PsyD MFT courses while enrolled in MA MCFT.

VIII. 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 9 credit hours may be applied from PsyD MFT to the completion of MA MCFT.

Course No.	PsyD MFT	Credit Hours	Course No.	MA MCFT	Credit Hours
PM611	Advanced Application of Theories in Systemic Therapy	3	MM564	Systems Theory and Family Therapy II	3
PM623	Recovery, Trauma, and Crisis Counseling within the Community	3	MM557	Recovery, Trauma, and Crisis Counseling within the Community	3
PM624	Assessment in Systemic Therapy	3	MM547	Assessment in MFT	3