

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE

Welcome to the University of Louisiana at Monroe's Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) Programs. We offer a Clinical Master of Arts Degree accredited by COAMFTE, a Clinical Doctor of Philosophy Degree accredited by COAMFTE, and an online Doctor of Philosophy Degree with a concentration in systemic studies. I direct the clinical programs, and the online program is directed by Dr. David Hale. Program Directors can be contacted at sutton@ulm.edu and dhale@ulm.edu, respectively.

We are delighted you are interested in the Marriage and Family Therapy Master of Arts Program. There is an air of enthusiasm brewing here and all around the campus. We are constantly working to improve graduate education in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program and therefore have made many recent changes and additions to the curriculum, faculty, and internship opportunities. Endowed Chair and Faculty member, Dr. Wendel Ray, has recently expanded the Don D. Jackson Archive housed at ULM, thus expanding research opportunities. Drs. Theresa Dronet and Samuel Shannon have recently joined our faculty, bringing expertise in application of systemic theory into the correctional system and Contextual Therapy, respectively. I am delighted they have joined our team, bringing the number of MFT faculty to seven. This allows students to experience a very low faculty to student ratio.

We are extremely proud of our systemically-based faculty and Master of Arts program. All faculty members are actively engaged in research, service, professional associations, and professional development, and encourage students to do the same. To assist our students, whether in-state, out-of-state, or international, in gaining the most they can from their educational experience, graduate assistantships are available, although competitive. If awarded, recipients will receive a tuition waiver and monthly stipend.

We believe ULM's MFT Program to be among the best in the nation, given our systemic foundation and our rich history. Under the leadership of retired faculty member Dr. Charles Cole, Delta Kappa, the International Honor Society in Marriage and Family Therapy, was founded right here at ULM. Our program is the only COAMFTE Accredited program in the state of Louisiana and offers the educational requirements to pursue Marriage and Family Therapy licensure in Louisiana and many other states, too.

Click on the following link http://www.ulm.edu/mft/mft_master.html, and you will find more information about our program and admission requirements, including the necessary forms and a helpful checklist. The admission process does require that both a program and a graduate school application be submitted. The priority deadline for each of these applications is February 1st, annually. For information about the graduate school admission process, please click on the following link: <http://www.ulm.edu/gradschool/index.html>. After first being approved by Graduate School and then being selected as a finalist by the Marriage and Family Therapy Admissions Committee, you will be contacted and an interview time scheduled.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us at (318) 342-1246 or email us at mft@ulm.edu. Again, thank you for taking the time to consider the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and we look forward to answering your questions and to getting to know you further.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the ULM MFT Faculty

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