University of Southern Mississippi
Marriage and Family Therapy Program
Recruitment Policy

The recruitment policy of the USM MFT program is informed by our diversity statement, which reads “Faculty, staff, and students in the marriage and family therapy program at Southern Miss embrace diversity of people and thought, including but not limited to culture, race, ethnicity, age, gender, class, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental abilities, religious and spiritual values, immigrant/language status, and belief systems.” Faculty keep this statement foremost as we participate in recruitment activities and venues such as graduate fairs, advertisement, mailings, emails, personal speaking, and the program website.

Qualified applicants are invited to interview with program faculty based on the following four criteria: GRE scores, undergraduate GPA, letters of recommendation, a resume, and a written statement of personal goals. These interviews are times for faculty to learn about each applicant and their strengths, through both individual and group interaction, and it is also a time for applicants to learn about faculty and the program.

We invite up to 16 applicants to join our program. We select our students based on their ability to be successful in graduate school and their potential to contribute to the profession of marriage and family therapy. We consistently strive for a diverse student body whose experiences contribute to creating a unique and productive learning environment.