

Educational Outcomes Template (definitions)

Institution's Mission

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University is a public land-grant university serving the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world community. The discovery and dissemination of new knowledge are central to its mission. Through its focus on teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and engagement, the university creates, conveys, and applies knowledge to expand personal growth and opportunity, advance social and community development, foster economic competitiveness, and improve the quality of life.

Program's Mission

The mission of the **Marriage and Family Therapy PhD Program** is to graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who will make a difference in the field of MFT, through practice, research, teaching, service, or a combination of all four, and who demonstrate an understanding of and respect for cultural diversity. As a research and practice centered program, we believe graduates should be able to do all these things well, though individuals may always excel in one area more than another. Our mission is well integrated into the missions of our home department, the Department of Human Development, whose goal is "to understand and improve the lives of people of all ages in relationships, families, organizations and communities," and with the land-grant mission of Virginia Tech as expressed in its motto, Ut Prosim ("that I may serve").

Program Outcomes

PO1 The Program will graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who will make a difference in the field of MFT, through practice
PO2 The Program will graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who will make a difference in the field of MFT, through research
PO3 The Program will graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who will make a difference in the field of MFT, through teaching
PO4 The Program will graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who will make a difference in the field of MFT, through service
PO5 The Program will graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who will make a difference in the field of MFT, through combinations of the above
PO6 The Program will graduate well rounded scholar-clinicians who demonstrate an understanding of and respect for cultural diversity

Student Learning Outcomes

SLO1 Graduates will demonstrate competence with a broad range of clinical theories and approaches
SLO2 Graduates will demonstrate the ability to conduct methodologically sophisticated, independent research
SLO3 Graduates will demonstrate the capacity to supervise and teach beginning MFT clinicians
SLO4 Graduates will demonstrate cultural competence, to include facility in working with clients, colleagues, research participants and members of the public from widely varying ethnic and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, ages, genders, faiths, physical abilities, and personal philosophies

Faculty Outcomes

FO1 Faculty will provide quality instruction
FO2 Faculty will provide quality supervision
FO3 Faculty will provide quality advising
FO4 Faculty will be engaged in scholarship and service
FO5 Faculty will demonstrate an understanding of and respect for cultural diversity

