

Supplemental Application Materials

M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy

Program Prerequisites

In addition to the regular seminary admission requirements, a student applying for this program needs the following:

- at least eighteen (18) semester hours in the social sciences (e.g., family studies, sociology, anthropology, early childhood studies, social work, psychology, etc.)
- one course in basic counseling skills (included in above hours)
- one hundred (100) hours of volunteer work and/or professional work experience with individuals, couples, and/or families
- an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0

Application Procedures

In addition to the regular seminary application materials, please submit the following:

- two references from supervisors of your volunteer and/or professional work experience as described above (forms enclosed)
- a Personal Profile (form enclosed)
- a 1,500-2,000 word paper discussing your personal family experience. This paper should include reflections on strengths and challenges in your family of origin, the impact of family-of-origin experiences on your adult relationships, and strengths and growth areas in your current significant relationships (with spouse, children, siblings, parents, etc.). This should not be a “family history” but rather a summary of themes you have observed in your family experience, past and present.

Please note: The materials described in the preceding two items will be held in strictest confidence by Bethel Seminary. The information contained in your responses will not be released by Bethel without your prior written consent, except as may be otherwise required by state or federal statutes.

A group interview will also be required of all applicants. Contact the Office of Admissions (800.255.8706, ext. 6288, or 651.638.6288) for the scheduled dates.

Application deadline is April 1.

Please return all materials to:

Office of Admissions and Recruitment
Bethel Seminary
3949 Bethel Drive
St. Paul, MN 55112-6998

Personal Profile

M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy

Applicant's name _____

Applicant's address _____

Please outline your personal and professional goals and objectives for pursuing this program.

Describe how significant people in your life have responded to these goals and to your involvement in this program.

Describe your volunteer and/or professional experience with individuals, couples, and/or families.

Describe your goals for emotional and interpersonal growth for the next few years.

Have you ever been convicted of an offense involving inappropriate sexual conduct or violent behavior? Have you ever been found guilty of a professional or ethical violation? If so, please describe the complaint against you and any sentence or judgment imposed. Include dates and locations of hearings or trials.

No Yes (please specify)

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Signature

Date

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Reference Form

Marriage and Family Therapy

Applicant's name _____

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- I waive my right to review this form.
- I do not waive my right to review this form.

Applicant Signature

Date

In seeking admission to Bethel Seminary, the above applicant is required to have this form on file before admission can be considered. Since we seek to select only those persons who are qualified to pursue a comprehensive course of study and who have the potential to become effective Christian leaders, we would appreciate your frank evaluation of this applicant. If you feel that this form is not adequate for your remarks, please provide your response in any form you choose.

How long, and in what capacities, have you known the applicant?

Have you had opportunity to observe the applicant's work with individuals, couples, and/or families? In what capacity? Please comment on this work.

Please comment on strengths and weaknesses you have observed in the applicant that may be relevant to graduate study and work with couples and families.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

(Over)

Please comment on the applicant's
Interpersonal skills:

Leadership capacity:

Scholastic ability:

Do you have any reservations in recommending this individual for the M.A. program in Marriage and Family Therapy?

No Yes (please specify)

Reference's Contact Information

Name _____

Organization/Church _____

Position/Title _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (_____) _____

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