

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please complete the following questions to assist us in getting to know you and better understand your career goals. It is very important that you thoroughly read the notification statements on the next page prior to completing any question. All personal information provided in response to this questionnaire is voluntary.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why are you pursuing a degree in marriage and family therapy? Why do you want to be a marriage and family therapist?
2. Describe any current or previous academic, volunteer, or work experience in mental health, counseling, or related fields.
3. The Christian faith provides the foundation for Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary's identity and mission. Reflect on your own faith experiences. Does the Christian faith inform your own identity and mission? If so, how? Please include in your answer:
 - a. Current church membership, church involvement, and ministry experiences. Previous church memberships and/or denominational affiliations may also be discussed here, and
 - b. Authors or book(s) that have shaped your understanding of Christianity, ministry, or spiritual practices.
4. Explain your perspective on the integration between psychology and theology. Discuss the important points of intersection and/or tension between faith and therapy.
5. Provide a description of the formative events in your life. This may include developmental information, school experiences, family relationships and events, friendships, marital life (if applicable), and religious or spiritual events. Please address:
 - a. Positive life experiences that have significantly contributed to who you are, and
 - b. Negative, challenging, traumatic, or painful events.
6. Describe your psychological health and wellness journey. This may include experiences in personal psychotherapy, in-patient treatment for psychiatric or addictive disorders, crisis/suicidal intervention, marital therapy, family therapy, group therapy, pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, life-coaching, and psychiatric medication use.

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Marriage & Family Therapy Program Notifications

NOTIFICATION STATEMENTS

TITLE IX:

The purpose of this notice is to notify you of your rights and the University's obligations under Title IX – a federal law which governs the University's response to reports of sexual misconduct including sexual harassment and sexual assault – and to explain the Biblical Seminary interim procedures addressing these matters in the unique context of our Marriage and Family Therapy, M.A ("MFT") Program. This interim procedure is applicable only to applicants to, or students enrolled in, the MFT Program. It does not apply to allegations of harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct or Title IX violations where employees, including student employees, or students of Fresno Pacific University are the respondent (alleged offender).

All members of our campus community may report harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking) to the University's Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Pam Schock. Information regarding the University's policy and procedures for processing those reports can be found at <https://handbook.fresno.edu/title-ix/policy-procedures>. These matters may be reported online at <https://handbook.fresno.edu/title-ix/how-report> or via phone, email or in-person visit with Ms. Schock. All employees of the University are mandated reporters – that is, employees are **required** to report allegations of harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator under the University's policy. This includes any allegation that a member of our campus community is currently experiencing sexual harassment or a recent sexual assault, regardless of where it took place.

Disclosures of past trauma may occur in multiple parts of the MFT program, from application process on. Disclosures of past trauma may be necessary to certify that these matters are appropriately addressed to ensure patient/client/consumer safety and effectiveness when serving as a lab student, trainee, associate, or licensed therapist. For this purpose, students in the MFT Program complete their own therapy treatment as part of the curriculum. To preserve confidentiality and privacy, the MFT Program **does not** automatically report to the Title IX Coordinator disclosures of past sexual trauma, harassment, or discrimination experienced by an applicant or student involving individuals that are not members of our campus community, for example, a childhood sexual trauma or abuse. However, all applicants or students who have experienced such past sexual or gender-based misconduct have the right to: (1) request supportive measures under Title IX; (2) request reasonable accommodations for a disability; and/or (3) request the assistance of the Title IX Coordinator reporting sexual assault to the police. You can access more information regarding Title IX supportive measures at <https://handbook.fresno.edu/title-ix/policy-procedures/table-contents/applicable-definitions/definitions-applicable-only-cases> and more information regarding disability accommodations at <https://www.fresno.edu/departments/disability-services>.

The MFT Program **will** report to the Title IX Coordinator disclosures of harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct as follows: (a) any reports of such conduct involving employees of Fresno Pacific University; (b) any such conduct currently being experienced, or recently experienced, by an applicant or student; (c) where such conduct involves a member of the FPU campus community as the respondent (i.e., the person alleged to have engaged in harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct) even if the harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct took place in the past and is no longer occurring; (d) any reports of such conduct occurring at or involving third-party affiliates, such as lab or practicum sites; and (e) past sexual trauma, harassment or discrimination when it is at the request of the student or applicant.

Additional resources for those who are or have experienced harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct are available on the University's website. Please contact Ms. Pam Schock at Pam.Schock@fresno.edu with any questions or concerns or issues related to this policy.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

If you have been convicted of a crime, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere (no contest) to a misdemeanor or felony, you may not be eligible to complete labs and practicums associated with the MFT program which are required for graduation. You also may not be eligible to become licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the state of California or other state in which you may desire to practice. In all cases, you are responsible for any impact that past or future criminal convictions may have on your ability to graduate or become licensed. Fresno Pacific University makes no guarantee or warranty of either.

SENSITIVE MATERIAL:

Please be advised that the MFT program at Fresno Pacific University provides an open space for the critical and civil exchange of ideas. Some readings and other content in Seminary courses will include topics that some students may find offensive, upsetting, triggering, and/or traumatizing. Examples include content regarding political beliefs, diversity and inclusion, religion, sexuality, sexual assault or trauma, domestic violence, childhood abuse, or suicidal ideation/intent/attempts/completion. FPU instructors seek to warn students about potentially disturbing content as it may come up throughout various courses but due to the nature of class discussions may not always be able to provide forewarning. All students are requested to help to create an atmosphere of mutual respect, compassion, and sensitivity. If you need a reasonable accommodation due to a mental or physical disability, you may seek such accommodation through Disability Services.

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

Please be advised that any and all information provided in the application process is done so on a voluntary basis.

READ AND REVIEW THE FOLLOWING GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOKS

FPU Graduate Student Handbook: handbook.fresno.edu/graduate/welcome-fresno-pacific-university

MFT Program Handbook: fresno.edu/seminary/about/students