

MFT Program Policy on Anti-Discrimination

Policy Availability

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The Marriage and Family Therapy Program anti-discrimination policy is in accord with the [VSU university-wide policies on discrimination](#), including but not limited to [Non-Discrimination](#), [Anti-Harassment](#) (sexual harassment), [Americans with Disabilities Act](#), [Sexual Misconduct](#) and [Title IX](#), and [Title IX Non-Discrimination](#), which are, themselves, aligned with the [VSU mission](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#) in their striving to establish a learning environment where all people can live and study safely and with respect.

A developed understanding, appreciation, and respect for diversity is an important element of skilled clinicians. The [MFT Program](#) publishes a [diversity statement](#) to which all students must agree in writing at the time of admission. Diversity includes but is not limited to age, race, color, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, cultural background, national origin, religion, veteran status, spiritual belief and/or affiliation, sexual orientation, relationship status, socio-economic status, academic and professional background, health status, belief systems, learning disability, or physical limitations, and that equal access to opportunity and facilities is available to all.

The MFT program is committed to understanding and appreciating the diversity among people and to the principle that in no aspect shall there be discrimination in the treatment of any person, including but not limited to prospective and enrolled students, clients, faculty, staff, or supervisors. Non-discrimination applies also to activities, including but not limited to recruitment, admission, codes of conduct, hiring, retention, or dismissal of students, faculty, and supervisors or other relevant educators and/or staff.