

MFT Program Policy on Degree Portability

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MFT Policy on MS in MFT Degree Portability

The VSU standard MFT curriculum, taken in its entirety, without transferred classes or substitutions of any kind, meets State of Georgia educational requirements for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist. Deviations from the established MFT program curriculum may not meet requirements for clinical licensure in the State of Georgia, even though such deviations may meet program graduation requirements.

State licensure laws are governed by individual states and can change frequently. This means that you can graduate from an accredited program in one state only to discover that you don't have all the educational requirements you need for licensure in another state.

Some state regulatory/licensing boards have unique course/credit or practice requirements that exceed a standard degree plan and that can hinder clinical practice by unlicensed graduates. For example, an MFT degree earned in Georgia meets the requirements for licensure in Florida with the exception of one course—Florida law requires that MFT's take a personality theories course.

It is incumbent upon all students to study the educational requirements of the state where they intend to seek licensure. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that he or she has met all requirements for any state from which he or she seeks licensure. Students are encouraged to talk to their advisor about this matter.

The above information is included in a lengthy Admission Information letter that all incoming students receive when they are granted admission into the program and prior to registration. The letter also offers the [AMFTRB](#) and [MFT-License.com](#) websites to help students start exploring state licensing requirements. The excerpt from that letter, headed as "Degree Portability" reads as follows:

"Licensure requirements vary from state to state. It is incumbent upon you, the student, to review the course requirements for the state(s) in which you intend to seek licensure and assure that the correct coursework and practicum requirements have been met prior to graduating.

State licensure laws are governed by individual states and can change frequently. For example, an MFT degree earned in Georgia does not meet the requirements for licensure in Florida by one *Personality Theories* course. Other state regulatory/licensing boards have unique course/credit or practice requirements that exceed a standard degree plan and that can prevent clinical practice as a student. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met all requirements for the state in which you intend to seek licensure by studying the educational requirements of the state in which you intend to seek licensure. A good place to start is the

[Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards \(AMFTRRB\) website](#). They have several charts, including a [state licensure comparison chart](#). [Click here](#) for a second website that also provides licensure requirements by state.