

MFT Program Policy on Anti-Discrimination

Policy Availability

The MFT Program Policy on Anti-Discrimination is available to the public via the [MFT Homepage > Accreditation > Policies and Handbook](#).

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The Marriage and Family Therapy Program diversity and 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. Each of the above policies can be found on the [Valdosta State University Policies](#) page.

A developed understanding, appreciation, and respect for diversity is a vital element of skilled clinicians. The [MFT Program](#) publishes a [diversity statement](#) to which all students must attest and acknowledge in writing prior to 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 alumni, prospective and enrolled students, clients, faculty, staff, or supervisors. Non-discriminatory behavior applies to all activities conducted by the MFT Program or in which the Program participates, 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.