

MFT Program Policy on Codes of Conduct, Ethics, and Diversity

Policy Availability

This [Policy on Codes of Conduct, Ethics, and Diversity](#) is available to the public via the [MFT Homepage > Accreditation > Policies and Handbook](#).

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Prior to completion of the admissions process, all prospective students are required to read and sign willingness to adhere to the following:

1. [VSU Student Code of Conduct](#)
2. [MFT Diversity Statement](#)
3. [AAMFT Code of Ethics](#)

In addition, MFT students must comply with [Minors on Campuse](#) requirements, one of which is a background check. For more information see the [MFT Policy on Minors on Campus](#) and visit the [Minors on Campus Office](#).

The MFT Program expectation of adherence to the above is made apparent during the admission process and prior to a student's commitment to accept a seat in the program. Each student invited to join a new incoming class receives a welcome letter that informs them that students are required to attest to their willingness and ability to follow the above three statements. An excerpt from this Welcome letter reads as follows:

1. Letter of Intention

*If you have decided to join the VSU MFT Program, we need to know this so that we can reserve your seat. Please compose a short email (just a sentence or two is fine) that reflects your intent to begin the program starting in the **Fall of 20XX**, and send it to the [Clinic Director, Program Director](#), Graduate Assistant 1 and Graduate Assistant 2. Once we receive your email, a seat is reserved for you.*


2. MFT Diversity Statement

Include in the above email a sentence or two affirming that you have read and intend to adhere to the [MFT Program Diversity Statement](#) that is published on the MFT website. The diversity statement reflects the program's foundational principle that clients' rights to non-discriminatory services supersedes students' desire to refuse treatment to clients for discriminatory reasons. Given the [MFT Diversity Statement](#) and the [AAMFT Code of Ethics](#), it is assumed that VSU MFT students will work with any family or individual seeking services at FamilyWorks or at an internship regardless of class, race, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, religion, non-religion, age, ethnicity, nation of origin, immigration status, language abilities, veteran status, socioeconomic status, spirituality, physical or mental disability, health status, and political beliefs.

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3. Student Code of Conduct

Finally, include in your email a sentence or two confirming that you visited the [Student Conduct Office website](#), read the [VSU Student Code of Conduct](#), and that you are willing, able, and intend to adhere to the Code.



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