

MFT Program Policy on Student Recruitment

Policy Availability

The **Policy on Student Recruitment** is available to the public via the [MFT Homepage > Accreditation > Policies and Handbook](#).

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The MFT Program policy on student recruitment is in accord with the [VSU University mission](#), the university [Non-Discrimination policy](#), the [MFT Program mission](#), and the [MFT Program Goals](#) to provide an educational opportunity that does not discriminate against prospective applicants, current students, alumni, faculty, employees, or clients based on, but not limited to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity and expression, political affiliation, veteran status, genetic information, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Consequently, the MS in MFT Program employs a targeted recruitment program that is consistent with the university mission and values, the university and program anti-discrimination policy, and the program's mission, goals, and SLOs. We actively seek out motivated college graduates, professionals, and retirees from all races, colors, national origins, religions, sexes, gender identities and expressions, political affiliations, who are desirous of earning a Master of Science from a face-to-face, clinically active, accredited program.

Further, it is the policy of the MFT program to actively and systematically recruit students representing a diversity of backgrounds, races, and genders. The following systematic and ongoing recruiting efforts are made to attract diverse students:

1. A faculty member makes an annual trip to the Atlanta area to visit historically black colleges (HBC's) such as Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta where he or she appears as a pre-arranged guest speaker in undergraduate classes (i.e., psychology, sociology, etc.).
2. The VSU undergraduate population has always been close to 50% black and 50% combined Black, African American, Hispanic, multiracial, and Asian, making VSU an excellent source from which to draw prospective MFT students. As a result, several times a year, the MFT program holds a virtual open house—inviting the VSU undergraduate student body as well as students from a number of surrounding colleges—to explore a graduate degree in MFT by touring the clinic, meeting current students, and talking to faculty.
3. As part of their outreach work, first year MFT students visit VSU undergraduate classes in psychology, sociology, women's studies, and general studies on the VSU campus where they present information about Marriage and Family Therapy as a career and the VSU MFT program, in particular.
4. Each year, MFT program faculty members and students attend graduate school and internship fairs at various universities, allowing the program to reach a diverse group of applicants.
5. The program utilizes multi-media and social media (e.g., Facebook,), regional and national conferences, etc. to reach a diverse group of potential applicants.

MFT Program Application Eligibility and Admission Criteria

Applicants to the MFT Program must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, and an overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.75.

[Admission eligibility](#) criteria are based on letters of reference, essay describing their goals for the field of MFT, and performance in a phone or face-to-face interview with a faculty member. Specific eligibility [program requirements](#) for admission can be found on the [MFT website](#). In some circumstances, an otherwise qualified applicant who does not meet one or more minimum eligibility requirements (e.g. GPA) may be considered for probationary admission, if outstanding characteristics and experiences suggest that the student is capable of graduate level work.