

The Masters of Arts in Psychology at Brandman University is a unique and captivating program that offers a comprehensive academic curriculum and professional training geared to preparing students to become proficient and competent clinical practitioners. The curriculum is tailored to meet state regulated requirements that would allow graduates of the program to practice as a clinical provider and if desired, to obtain licensure in their state of residence. With three clinical emphases linked to the degree program, you will have options limited to your state of residence. For instance, if you reside in the state of Oregon, you may select the Marriage and Family Therapy or the Professional Clinical Counseling emphasis. If you reside in the state of Washington, you may select the Marriage and Family Therapy or the Counseling emphasis. If you reside in the state of California, you may select the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Clinical Counseling, or the dual emphasis that will grant you the opportunity to seek associate registration in the state as a Marriage and Family Therapist and Professional Clinical Counselor.

State-specific established requirements that govern the Marriage and Family Therapy and Professional Clinical Counseling licensure process, tend to follow the guidance provided by the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) educational guidelines and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) respectively. However, the guidelines are interpreted differently in different states. For instance, some states require a course in assessment while others may require a course that addresses evidence-based practices. All states mandate a clinical practice or practicum course. Nevertheless, the criteria for each state varies. In some states, a student must complete 150 direct client contact hours, while in a different state a student must complete 500 direct client contact hours. Variances associated with state requirements are common, and we have examined each state requirement for both professions and developed documents to help guide your decision process.

By clicking on your state of residence, you will have access to the state-specific requirements to include the licensing board website, accreditation requirement, degree program requirement, course equivalency, coursework requirement, coursework comparison, and practicum requirements. This information is meant to serve as a guide and in no way does it mean that the requirements as presented are firm and unchangeable. States make changes to their requirements frequently, and our documents are frequently updated, but you remain solely responsible for ensuring that the courses you complete will fulfill the requirement of your state.

Note:

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