



Marriage and Family Therapy

Department of Marriage and Family Therapy
COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

KEY STRENGTHS

The primary objective of the marriage and family therapy degree is to provide professional training for persons intending to occupy positions in such areas as community mental health agencies, children and family service agencies, church ministries, institutional settings, private practice, and advanced academic degrees.

The program combines the theoretical, experiential and spiritual aspects of marriage and family therapy. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the AAMFT (American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy). The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for membership in the AAMFT and state licensure in marriage and family therapy.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Ministry and congregational settings
- Private practice
- Child care agencies
- Community mental health centers

FACILITIES

The Department of Marriage and Family Therapy is housed within the Biblical Studies Building. The clinic is a state-of-the-art facility with 11 therapy rooms equipped with videotaping equipment.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

John Knight Jr., M.D., M.M.F.T., class of 1995; instructor, University of Texas Health Sciences, San Antonio, Texas.

Major Boglin, M.M.F.T., class of 1990; family life minister and director of Genesis Center, North Atlanta Church of Christ, Atlanta, Ga.

William Turner, Ph.D., class of 1987; professor, Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Pam Money, class of 1986; first lady of Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.

RECENT GRADUATES

Faith Drew, class of 2003; doctoral student, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.

Jeremy Keeton, class of 2001; office of the president, Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Marriage and Family Institute has been accredited by the AAMFT since 1983.
- All faculty are clinical members of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and licensed marriage and family therapists.
- Faculty members regularly make research presentations at state and national conferences.
- **Dr. Waymon Hinson** serves as vice chair for the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists.
- **Dr. Jackie Halstead** serves on the board of the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

FACULTY

Jackie Halstead, Ph.D., chair, director, Marriage and Family Institute; B.S., Oklahoma Christian University, 1985; M.M.F.T., Abilene Christian University, 1987; Ph.D., Iowa State University, 2000.

Waymon Hinson, Ph.D., professor; B.A., Lubbock Christian University, 1972; M.Th., Harding Graduate School, 1976; Ph.D., University of Mississippi, 1982.

Jaime Goff, Ph.D., assistant professor; B.A., Ohio Valley College, 1999; M.M.F.T., Abilene Christian University, 2001; Ph.D., Michigan State University, 2004.

Susan Green, adjunct faculty; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1970; M.M.F.T., ACU, 1986.

Janet Jergins, adjunct faculty; B.S., Lubbock Christian University, 1976; M.M.F.T., ACU, 1988.

John "Rusty" McLen, adjunct faculty; B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1987; M.M.F.T., ACU, 1989.

Tom Milholland, Ph.D., professor, assistant provost for institutional effectiveness; B.A., Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, 1966; M.S., Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1972; Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1979.

Steve Rowlands, adjunct faculty; director, University Counseling Center; B.A., University of New Mexico, 1991; M.M.F.T., Abilene Christian University, 1994.

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