

## Program Level Assessment: Annual Report

Program Name (no acronyms)	Couple and Family Therapy Program	Department:	Family and Community Medicine
Degree or Certificate Level:	MA	College/School:	School of Medicine
Date (Month/Year):	December.2022	Assessment Contact:	Max Zubatsky
In what year was the data upon which this report is based collected?	2021-2022		

### 1. Student Learning Outcomes

Which of the program's student learning outcomes were assessed in this annual assessment cycle? (Please list the full, complete learning outcome statements and not just numbers, e.g., Outcomes 1 and 2.)

Outcome I.B.1 Students will attain competency in entry-level marriage and family therapy skills. Subjectives: a. Admission, Methods, Artifacts of Student Learning, Assessment

Which artifacts of student learning were used to help to

#### 4. Data/Results

What were the results of the assessment of the learning outcome(s)? Please be specific on achievement differences by teaching modality (e.g., online vs. face-to-face) or on-ground location (e.g., STL campus, Madrid campus, other off campus site)

The following are the results of the previous assessments of the learning outcomes. These outcomes are from all on-campus courses and learning from the previous year:

- All students have passed the core courses in the program
- All students who have successfully defended their MA examination in the program on the first time.
- All students have completed the second year clinical internship on time and have completed the required clinical hours in the program.

#### 5. Findings: Interpretations & Conclusions

What have you learned from these results? What do the data tell you?

The faculty have learned the following areas based on the results:

- Core and adjunct faculty are continuing to achieve student learning outcomes in coursework and helping students achieve high grades and assignment quality
- Students have been able to apply more of the student learning outcomes and course content into different internship areas of the program.
- The sequence of courses and teaching techniques continues to be effective in students achieving their outcomes and progression in the program.

#### 6. Closing the Loop: Dissemination and Use of Current Assessment Findings

- A. When and how did your program faculty share and discuss these results/findings from this cycle of assessment?

We share the results of student learning outcomes and assessment

We have taken two areas of action as a result of the assessment findings for the master's program. For one, we have added two new courses in the curriculum changes to the course of study (See Section 7A for details on the courses). We have placed the courses in sequence to align with the progression of clinical skills and experience of the student. Second, we have adjusted the evaluation process for internships of students. The Program Director and Internship Director now have a yearly review meeting with data of feedback of students for these placement sites.

If no changes are being made, please explain why.

## 7. Closing the Loop: Review of Previous Assessment Findings and Changes

### A. What is at least one change your program has implemented in recent years as a result of assessment data?

1. There have been two new courses implemented in the program within the past two years. Family Research Methods program was developed to help align more with student learning outcomes around research and scholarship. This is taken in the second year of the program, which replaced a previous elective course. The second course is a Medical Family Therapy Externship summer course. This is a one credit course that was added to address core fundamental areas of clinical skills and content for students.

2. The program now has criteria for internship site placements for first year students. Previously, students would search for their own sites in internship. Now, the program has established partnerships with sites that meet clinical hour, supervision hour, and experience criteria that were developed by both the program director and internship director.

### B. How has this change (or have these changes) been assessed?

The two new courses are assessed through both course grades and course evaluations.

The internship site criteria are determined based on the internship director and the Program Director holding an annual review of site feedback data. The review of data determines which sites are kept and which sites will not continue. Students complete a "rank list" of the top sites that they want to interview for and are approved by the program.

### C. What were the findings of the assessment?

The course grades were above average for all students in both courses. The course evaluations showed marks for the instructors for both courses.

The findings of the yearly internship reviews showed that the majority of sites offered strong competencies for student's clinical and curriculum development.

### D. How do you plan to (or continue to) use this information moving forward?

We will continue to track both course grades and evaluations by the program director and Department of