CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO
MS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

PROGRAM & ADMISSION INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Priority filing deadline: January 15. Applications received by this date will be given full consideration

Extended filing period: January 16 – March 1. Applications received in this period may be considered if priority applications did not exhaust program capacity

Only completed applications will be considered. Admission is contingent upon approval by the Psychology Department *and* the Graduate School.

Complete all of the following steps:

1	The general graduate school application must be filled out online and returned to the Graduate School online at: www.csumentor.edu
2	Submit one official transcript from every college/university attended since high school (exception: Chico State graduates). Official transcripts must be received sealed in an original envelope from the issuing institution and be less than 2 years old. All official transcripts should be received by the application filing deadline and sent via postal mail to: **Graduate School** **California State University, Chico** **Chico, CA 95929-0875**
3	Submit official test scores: either the General Graduate Record Examination AptitudeTest (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies to the CSU Chico Testing Office by the application filing deadline**; allow at least two weeks for processing.**
4	The materials specific to the Psychology Graduate Program must be printed out and mailed by the application filing deadline, directly to our office via postal mail to the following address: **Graduate Coordinator** **Department of Psychology** **California State University, Chico** **Chico, CA 95929-0234** A. Completed Graduate Programs in Psychology: Admissions Application B. Statement of Purpose C. Three Recommendation Forms and Letters: i. At least one letter from a professor familiar with the quality of your work; ii. If applicable, one letter from a supervisor or employer in either a clinical, research, or other work/volunteer environment; iii. The third letter may be written by another professor, research supervisor, or by someone in the helping profession. D. Application for Advancement to Classified Status (complete as much as possible). **Note: Only completed applications will be considered. Admission is contingent upon approval by the Psychology Department and the Graduate School.**

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION:

A. You will be contacted by e-mail regarding the status of your application. If accepted, the department may recommend that you be admitted as either a "conditionally classified" master's degree student (you have yet to complete some of the undergraduate prerequisites) or as a “classified" master's degree student (you have met all of the prerequisites).

B. If accepted, you are required to return the Notification of Acceptance form, sent to you with the acceptance letter from the department, indicating whether you intend to matriculate by the fall semester. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your position in the program; however, you may reapply the following year, if you choose.

C. Students who enter the MS degree program with the intent of pursuing a Marriage and Family Therapy License must contact the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners and apply for trainee status within 90 days of beginning a traineeship (which occur during your first year at CSUC). Once you are accepted into the MS degree program, you are advised to contact the Board for information regarding licensure and follow their recommended procedures to receive your trainee status. The MS degree program provides an integrated course of study that meets the educational requirements for the MFT license by the State of California (Section 4980.37 of Assembly Bill No.3657).

Board of Behavioral Science Examiners
400 R Street
Suite 3150
Sacramento, CA 95814-4933
(916) 445-4933

Department of Psychology
California State University, Chico
(530) 898-5147

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION
MS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Name _____ Home Phone ( )_____

Street _____ Cell Phone: _____

City _____ Email address: _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Higher Education

College/University	Location	Degree/Date awarded	Major(s), Minor(s), Field

Undergraduate GPA: Overall_____ Last 60 semester units_____ For last 30 semester units_____

Graduate GPA:_____ for _____ (enter number of semester units)

Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Verbal _____; Math _____; Written/Essay _____; Date _____

Miller Analogy Test (MAT): Raw Score _____ Date _____

References

List the names and positions of the three people you have asked to write letters of recommendation. Give each person one of the **Recommendation Forms**; have them *send it directly* to the Psychology Department as indicated on the form.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Write a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE about your professional and personal goals. Limit the length to two typewritten pages, single-spaced. Include: A) Your career goals; B) Your reasons for applying to the program, and C) A brief description of your past experience, paid or voluntary, relevant to the program you seek to enter, including length of time worked and actual work performed (not just the title).

PLEASE PRINT OUT, COMPLETE, AND RETURN THIS PAGE, YOUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, AND THE FOLLOWING "APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFIED STATUS" FORM TO:

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY

APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFIED STATUS

NAME_____ Student ID _____

ADDRESS_____ PHONE_____

_____

GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM:

M.S. Marriage & Family Therapy ___x____

M.A. Applied PSY Option (PPS) ____ M.A. Psychological Science Option ____

In order to be eligible to apply for classified status in the Department of Psychology, you must complete the following undergraduate prerequisite courses (within the last ten years). Fill in the course number **(and title if taken elsewhere)**, grade and date each was completed. Complete as much as possible.

Four courses total: one from each of the following:

	CSU, Chico Courses	or number and title of equivalent upper-division course (include the univ/college where course was taken)	Date (to be) Completed	Grade (if known)
A. Psychology of Learning:	PSYC 466	_____	_____	_____
	or			
	PSYC 362	_____	_____	_____
B. Development or Child and/or Adolescent PSY:	PSYC 355	_____	_____	_____
C. Statistics for PSY:	PSYC 364	_____	_____	_____
D. Personality	PSYC 382	_____	_____	_____
or Social	PSYC 395	_____	_____	_____
or Abnormal PSY	PSYC 381	_____	_____	_____

(NOTE: PSYC 381: Abnormal Psychology is a specific prerequisite for PSYC 643 in the M.S. Program; PSY of Personality is also recommended.)

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REMINDER: Incoming students who meet these prerequisites may be admitted with Classified Status into a Graduate Psychology degree program. Students admitted as Conditionally Classified (have yet to meet these prerequisites) may apply for Advancement to Classified Status upon completing these requirements, usually near the end of their first semester.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

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This part to be completed in advance by the applicant:

Evaluation of: _____

Last Name First Middle

Applying to: M.S. Psychology: Marriage and Family Therapy. Provide mental health services to adults, families, and children.

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☐ I expressly waive any rights I have to access this form and letter of recommendation.

☐ I do not agree to the above waiver.

Date: _____ Applicant's signature: _____

This part to be completed by the referee:

To the Referee: ***Please do not complete this form unless the applicant has checked one of the waiver boxes and signed above. Complete this form and attach a separate letter of recommendation on your letterhead***. In your letter, please consider the program to which the candidate is applying and address (1) in what capacity, for how long, and how well you know the applicant; (2) how well qualified you think she/he is to do master's level work in that field, and (3) qualities that may not be explicit in the academic transcript and test scores, such as ability to do independent academic or research work, personal strengths and weaknesses, and professional promise.

How would you rank the applicant's overall promise for the program to which he/she has applied? Basis of comparison (check one):

☐ **undergraduate senior student** ☐ **first year graduate students** ☐ **other:** _____

Circle one: Lower 50% Top 50% Top 25% Top 10% Top 5% Top 2%

Assign a score of 1 = weak 2 = adequate 3 = strong or N/I for no information for each of the following:

_____ Understanding of Psychological Theory
_____ Interpersonal Skills
_____ Writing Skills
_____ Professional Ethics
_____ Originality/Creativity
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_____ Flexible (Receptive to feedback)

Name (printed): _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

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