



Loma Linda University

School of Behavioral Health

Department of Counseling and Family Sciences

Systems, Families, & Couples PhD Program Curriculum

2021-2022

Years 1, 2, 3, and 4

Year 1			
Fall			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 565	Neurobiology of Relationships, Stress and Trauma	3	Thursday 1-4pm
CFSD 519	Teaching in Higher Education	3	Online; synchronous Thursday 5:30-7:30pm
CFSD 601	Statistics I	4	Tuesday and Thursday 8-10pm
CFSD 786	Professional Development Proposal	0	ARR
CFSD 785A	Begin Clinical Training	0	ARR
Quarter Total		10	
Winter			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 611	Qualitative Research Methods I	4	Online; asynchronous
CFSD 602	Statistics II	4	Tuesday and Thursday 8-10pm
CFSD 606	Current Issues in Family Research	3	Thursday 1-4pm
CFSD 786A	Professional Development Portfolio	4*	ARR
CFSD 785B	<i>Clinical Training</i>	4*	<i>If needed</i>
Quarter Total		11	
Spring			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 612	Qualitative Research Methods II	3	Thursday 1-4pm
CFSD 603	Statistics III	4	Tuesday and Thursday 8-10pm
CFSD 505	Advanced Family Studies: Theory Development	3	Tuesday 1-4pm
CFSD 786A	Professional Development Portfolio	4*	ARR
CFSD 785B	<i>Clinical Training</i>	4*	<i>If needed</i>
Quarter Total		10	
First Year PhD Total Units		31	

Year 2			
Summer			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 501	Supervision in MFT	3	Online; asynchronous (1 st Summer Session)
CFSD 546	Multi-Cultural and Global Mental Health	3	Online; asynchronous (1 st Summer Session)
CFSD 786A	Professional Development Portfolio	4*	ARR
CFSD 785B	<i>Clinical Training</i>	4*	<i>If needed</i>
Quarter Total		6	
Fall			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 502	Advanced Supervision in MFT	1	Online; synchronous Tuesday 5-6pm
CFSD 506	Foundations in Systemic Thinking	3	Online; asynchronous
CFSD 548	Family Therapy and Medicine	3	Online; asynchronous
CFSD 786A	Professional Development Portfolio	4*	ARR
CFSD 785B	Clinical Training	4*	ARR
Quarter Total		7	
Winter			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 504	Advanced Theory in MFT	4	Online; synchronous Tuesday 5:30-8pm
CFSD 540	Introduction to Medical Family Therapy	3	Online; asynchronous
RELE 5XX	Religion Course	3	TBD
CFSD 785B	Clinical Training	4*	ARR
CFSD 786A	Professional Development Portfolio	4*	ARR
Quarter Total		10	
Spring			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 605	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods	3	Online; synchronous Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm
CFSD 545	Research and Practice with Couples and Families	3	Online; asynchronous
CFSD 544	Health and Illness in the Family	3	Online; asynchronous
CFSD 786A	Professional Development Portfolio	4*	ARR
CFSD 786B	Clinical Training	4*	ARR
Quarter Total		9	
Second Year PhD Total Units		32	

Year 3			
Summer			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 785B	Clinical Training	4	ARR
CFSD 786A	Professional Development	4*	ARR
Quarter Total		0	
Fall			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 634A	Doctoral Practicum—Larger Social Context	3	Online; synchronous Tuesday 6:15-8:15pm
RELR 5XX	Religion Course	3	TBD
CFSD 786A	Professional Development	4*	ARR
CFSD 785B	Clinical Training	4*	ARR
Quarter Total		6	
Winter			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 634B	Doctoral Practicum—Self-of-the-therapist	3	Online; synchronous Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm
RELT 5XX	Religion Course	3	TBD
CFSD 698	Dissertation	2	ARR
CFSD 786A	Professional Development	4*	ARR
CFSD 785B	Clinical Training	4*	ARR
	Quarter Total	8	
Spring			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 695	Dissertation	4	ARR
CFSD 634C	Doctoral Practicum—Spirituality	3	Online; synchronous Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm
CFSD 625	Grant Writing	3	Online; asynchronous
Quarter Total		10	
Third Year PhD Quarter Units		24	

Year 4			
Summer			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 698	Dissertation	4	ARR
Quarter Total		4	
Fall			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 698	Dissertation	4	ARR
Quarter Total		4	
Winter			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 634B	Doctoral Practicum—Self-of-the-therapist	4	ARR
	Quarter Total	4	
Spring			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CFSD 634B	Doctoral Practicum—Self-of-the-therapist	4	ARR
Quarter Total		4	
Fourth Year PhD Total Units		16	
Total PhD Quarter Units		103	

*These are non-academic units. They do not count toward the 103-unit total and are charged at a significantly lower rate (1 unit = 25 professional development hours or 50 clinical training hours).