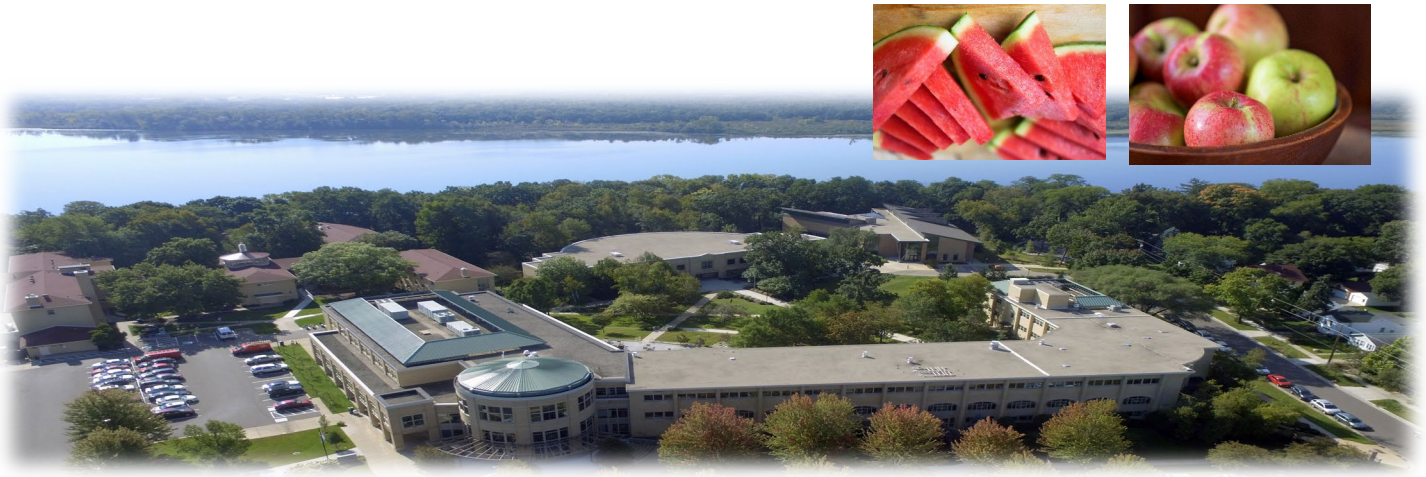




Summer into Fall

Summer into Fall is a time of change and challenge.

First year students, you're hopefully settling into your courses and building connections within your cohort. It also means you're thinking about your homework and upcoming projects.



Second year students, you're into your second semester of internship and building your therapy session skills. It also means you're thinking about your coursework *and* your clinical hours requirements.

Remember to breathe!



COAMFTE Update

We received confirmation earlier this summer of our COAMFTE accreditation, approved for 6 years (May 1, 2026 thru May 1, 2032)!



Feedback from the accreditation visit last Fall was great.



*Thank you to our team ...
students,
alumni,
and professors!*

If you are interested in reading about the accreditation process, [click here](#).

Finally the Fall 2026 Program Handbook!

The MFT Program Handbook, Fall 2026 edition, continues to grow and evolve to align with other graduate level programs and COAMFTE guidance. A copy was sent by email to every student and faculty member. It can also be found on our MFT website (see link in footer).

Remember to read it; it contains important information to support you throughout your time in our program.

Flex Grant

Last year we were awarded an Edgewood Flex Grant to update the Children's Therapy Room at The Family Center. Thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to this effort, especially Tammy Conrad and graduate Allison Mankovecky.

An "Allison's Reading Corner" has been established in honor of her contribution.



MFT Student Reps

Interested in being an active and creative part of our program? If you're interested in collaborating with students across cohorts to create connection and build community, apply with an email of interest to [Julia Smith](#), faculty advisor for Student Rep meetings and activities. We look for two reps per cohort, apply today to be considered!



Interested in creating an Edgewood MFT walk team for NAMI's annual October event? (<https://www.namiwalks.org/danecounty>).

Or other community event idea?

Annual Community Partner Celebration!

Our annual event is held on the first Saturday of December. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 1-3 pm, Washburn Heritage Rm.

Music, food, prizes, and a coloring table for the kids of all ages. Families welcome!

Our program is honored to work with many community partners. These include the Wisconsin Farm Center, Perry Family Free Clinic, and Agrace Hospice among others.

Walk the Talk: finding balance and support.

Prioritizing our time, our families, our friends, our studies, our self care. Use Edgewood's resources:

- Personal Counseling offers 10 free sessions per year (608-663-4148). Private and confidential.
- The EC Cares Team provides support for anyone you may be worried about, including yourself. The Student Affairs Office maintains confidentiality. (<https://www.edgewood.edu/current-students/dean-of-students-office/>).



Fall, Spring, and Summer Courses

This table shows where you are now and what to expect next.

Year 1	Fall	Cohort 001	MFT 600 001 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 605 001 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 620 001 (T) 5-7 pm Weekly	MFT 630 001 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	
		Cohort 002	MFT 605 002 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 600 002 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 630 002 (T) 5-7 pm Weekly	MFT 620 002 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	
	Spring	Cohort 001	MFT 635 001 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 610 001 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 725 001 (T) 5-7 pm Weekly	MFT 625 001 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	
		Cohort 002	MFT 610 002 (M) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 635 002 (M) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	MFT 625 002 (T) 5-7pm Weekly	MFT 725 002 (T) 7:30-9:30pm Weekly	
Year 2	Summer	Cohort 001	MFT 800 001 (W) 4-6pm e/o Week (1 st Wednesday)	4 sections of MFT 750 (limit 8 students per section; each section will remain together until graduation).	MFT 750 001 (W) 6:30-8pm	Clinical site hours	
		Cohort 002	MFT 800 002 (W) 4-6pm e/o Week (2 nd Wednesday)		MFT 750 002 (W) 6:30-8pm MFT 750 003 (W) 6:30-8pm MFT 750 004 (W) 6:30-8pm All sections weekly		
	Fall	Cohort 001	MFT 735 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 st Wednesday)	MFT 740 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 nd Wednesday)	MFT 760 001 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 760 002 (W) 7:30-9pm	Clinical site hours	
		Cohort 002	MFT 740 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 st Wednesday)	MFT 735 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 nd Wednesday)	MFT 760 003 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 760 004 (W) 7:30-9pm All sections weekly		
	Spring	Cohort 001	MFT 700 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 st Wednesday)	MFT 745 001 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 nd Wednesday)	MFT 770 001 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 770 002 (W) 7:30-9pm	Clinical site hours	
		Cohort 002	MFT 745 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (1 st Wednesday)	MFT 700 002 (W) 5-7pm e/o Week (2 nd Wednesday)	MFT 770 003 (W) 7:30-9pm MFT 770 004 (W) 7:30-9pm All sections weekly		
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Course titles

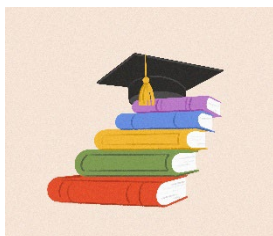
MFT 600 - Foundations of Systemic Practice
 MFT 605 - MFT Theories & Models
 MFT 610 - Clinical Tx: Families/Groups/Individuals
 MFT 620 - Diverse/Multicultural Communities
 MFT 625 - Clinical Tx: Couples/Intimate Relationships
 MFT 630 - Mental Health Diagnosis & Psychopharm
 MFT 635 - Systemic/Relational Assessment

MFT 700 - Research & Evaluation
 MFT 725 - Relational Practicum
 MFT 735 - Lifespan Development
 MFT 740 - Clinical Tx: Child/Adolescent
 MFT 745 - Contemporary Issues & Collaboration
 MFT 750 - Clinical Internship I
 MFT 760 - Clinical Internship II
 MFT 770 - Clinical Internship III
 MFT 800 - Ethics, Law & Social Responsibility

Optional course

MFT 780 - Clinical Internship IV (to finish hours)
MFT 790 - Independent Study (requires approval)

Course descriptions can be found in the course catalog.



Standard Two-Year Full-Time Schedule

Fall Year 1 - MFT 600, MFT 605, MFT 620, MFT 630
Spring Year 1 - MFT 610, MFT 625, MFT 635, MFT 725
Summer Year 1 - MFT 750, MFT 800, Internship
Fall Year 2 - MFT 735, MFT 740, MFT 760, Internship
Spring Year 2 - MFT 700, MFT 745, MFT 770, Internship

Remember: If you have a part-time schedule or a different timeline than the standard two-year schedule, check in at the end of each semester with your advisor to confirm you are on track.

Our Team

Dr. Melinda Bailey, PhD

Program Mentor, Supervision Committee Mentor,
Systemic Supervisor, and Guest Lecturer



Julia Smith, LMFT, IAYT

Full-time Lecturer, AAMFT Approved Supervisor, Academic Advisor,
Faculty Committee Chair, and Student Rep Advisor

FALL 1st Year: MFT 605 – MFT Theories & Models
SPRING 1st Year: MFT 610 – Clinical Tx: Families & Groups



Dr. Marlo Zarzaur, Ed.D, LPC-MHSP

Clinical Director at The Family Center, DSPS Approved Supervisor,
and Supervisor Committee Chair

SPRING 2nd Year: MFT 700 – Research & Evaluation
Subbing FALL 1st Year: MFT 630 – Mental Health Diagnosis & Psychopharm



Professor Makayla Wiegand, MS MFT

Operations Manager at The Family Center and AAMFT Supervisor Candidate

SPRING 1st Year: MFT 725 – Relational Practicum



Our wonderful adjunct instructors ...



CJ Webster, LMFT

AAMFT Approved Supervisor

FALL 1st Year: MFT 600 – Foundations of Systemic Practice

SPRING 1st Year: MFT 625 – Clinical Tx: Couples & Intimate Relationships

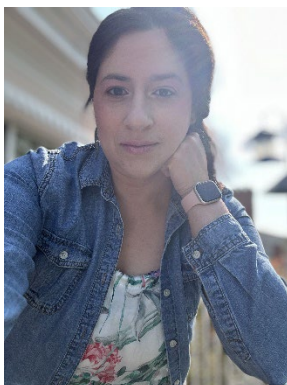


Erika Blain, LMFT

DSPS Qualified MFT Supervisor

FALL 1st Year: MFT 630 – Mental Health Diagnosis & Psychopharm

WELCOME ... Samira Álvarez Gretzinger



FALL 1st Year: MFT 620 – Diverse/Multicultural Communities

Samira Álvarez Gretzinger is a bilingual educator with over 15 years of experience working with multilingual learners in the United States and Spain. She holds a master's degree in Bilingual Education and is licensed in Elementary Education, ESL, and Bilingual Education. Her work focuses on supporting English learners in language acquisition and developing social-emotional skills within classroom settings. She integrates trauma-informed practices to support students—particularly immigrant learners—navigating complex cultural and life transitions, in collaboration with school-based social workers and behavioral teams.

Samira is Puerto Rican and Palestinian and is also the author of Spanish-language children's books focused on SEL, including *Así Respiro*, which she shares through bilingual school and community programming. Her current book project is inspired by her grandmother's life in Puerto Rico and explores themes of memory, music, and family. She is excited to join Edgewood University as an adjunct instructor and looks forward to working with graduate students in the program.

More of our wonderful adjunct instructors ...



Becky Ketarkus, RN, BSN, MSN

FALL 2nd Year: MFT 735 – Lifespan Development



Tammy Conrad, LMFT

AAMFT Approved Supervisor

FALL 2nd Year: MFT 740 – Clinical Tx: Child/Adolescent
Internship: Clinical Internship course series



Cerissa Wills, LMFT

DSPS Qualified MFT Supervisor

SPRING 2nd Year: MFT 745 – Contemporary Issues & Collaboration



Rosa Morrow, LMFT

AAMFT Supervisor Candidate

SUMMER 2nd Year: MFT 800 – Ethics, Law & Social Responsibility



Julie Jensen, LMFT

AAMFT Approved Supervisor

Internship: Clinical Internship course series



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