



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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Careers in the Licensed Professions

Marriage & Family Therapist

Marriage and family therapists train in psychotherapy and other counseling methods to advise people about thoughts, emotions, and behaviors that affect interpersonal relationships. Through assessment and guidance, these professionals help individuals, couples, families, and others ensure the well-being of their relationships.

Education

Complete a master's or doctoral degree in a Department-registered Marriage and Family Therapy licensure program, or the equivalent, as determined by the Department.

Experience

At least 1,500 client-contact hours of supervised practice of Marriage and Family Therapy in an acceptable setting.

Examination

Examination in Marital and Family Therapy, as developed by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$40,590
- Salary range: \$32,840 - \$50,800
- Projected growth: much faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Marriage and family clinics
- Social service agencies
- Healthcare settings
- Courts and prisons
- Behavioral health agencies and programs

Your Interests and Abilities

- Diversity and cultural competency
- Psychotherapy
- Family systems and law

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Dependability
- Innovation
- Communication

