



MMFT PROGRAM EARNS COAMFTE ACCREDITATION!

“The Commission voted to grant Initial Accreditation for a period of six (6) years, November 1, 2017 – November 1, 2023.”

It was on Tuesday afternoon, November 21st, 2017 that I received an email from the office of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). The long wait was finally over. WE EARNED ACCREDITATION! This makes us **one of only two Master’s degree programs in Canada** that are COAMFTE accredited (MSc Program in Couple and Family Therapy at the University of Guelph is the other one). Huge thanks to so many of you who contributed to the long and tedious process. WE DID IT! Thanks to those of you who joined us at our celebration event on December 14, 2017.

- Dr. Narumi Taniguchi (Director)

Q: What does this COAMFTE accreditation mean?

A: It means that the UWinnipeg MMFT program’s education and training has met the COAMFTE’s rigorous standards. Our clinical supervisors will continue to be AAMFT (American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy) approved supervisors who have successfully completed a set of training through AAMFT. It also means that the UWinnipeg MMFT students who graduated on or after Nov. 1, 2017 are automatically eligible to be AAMFT Pre-Clinical Fellow, and *all clinical hours* that they obtained while in the Program count towards the AAMFT Clinical Fellow clinical hours requirement.



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Photo: Celebration, Dec. 14, 2017

New Faculty

This August, we welcomed a new faculty member, **Carl Heaman-Warne**, M.MFT., RMFT. He joined the Faculty of Education as an Instructor and the MMFT Program’s Practicum Coordinator.



In his Practicum Coordinator role, Carl oversees the clinical training side of the Program and liaises with all practicum sites. Carl graduated from the MMFT program in 2009. Since then, he has continued to be involved in the MMFT program as a contract instructor and supervisor. Most recently, he was the Director of Therapy for the Aurora Family Therapy Centre, Inc., for 3.5 years. Carl teaches the infamous “Self in the Family Laboratory” course and “MFT as a Profession.”

CCPA Pre-approved Workshop (9 CEC hours)

The Master of Marriage & Family Therapy Program presents:

Couple and Family Therapy for Addiction with CONGRUENCE COUPLE THERAPY

DR. BONNIE LEE

MFT, MSW, PHD
Associate Professor

Board of Governors
Research Chair (Tier II)

University of
Lethbridge

November 2, 2018 (Fri) 5 – 8:30 pm
November 3, 2018 (Sat) 9 – 4:30 pm

1L07 (Lockhart Hall)
The University of Winnipeg

Registration: Regular \$250, Student \$200.

Includes Snacks and Refreshments

To register, please contact MFTinfo@uwinnipeg.ca

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/marriage-family-therapy/docs/dr-lee-workshop-flyer.pdf>



2018 PRIDE PARADE

MMFT students, faculty, their partners, family members, and dogs marched together again this summer in the Winnipeg Pride Parade. More MMFT students marched with other agencies and organizations. Let's keep this MMFT tradition going!

Photo: Team MMFT with the UWinnipeg Pride float and drag queens

Welcome New Students

This fall, the MMFT family welcomed a total of 11 new students. They come with a variety of experiences and life stories. As each cohort develops its own character, we are curious to find out what kind of cohort this group of new students will be. We look forward to being part of and/or witnessing their journey to becoming MFTs.



Congratulations, 2018 Graduates!

The following 23 students graduated in 2018:

- Elan Jury
- Amber Sandhu
- Elizabeth Pruden-Skiba
- Carolin Vesely
- Kia Kirzinger
- Sara Picken
- Noah Star
- Tara Magnus-Walker



Photo: Convocation, June 14, 2018



Photo: Convocation, October 12, 2018

- Renata Aguiar
- Jeannette Bodnar
- Mandy Fraser
- Lesley Harrison
- Arlene Kramble-Krasnesky
- Heather Robertson
- Donna Youngdahl
- Kamal Bedi
- Jessica Byskal
- Deanna Smith Geiger
- Jannelle Hebb
- Kristen Robson
- Margaret Tuimising
- Anne Whitford Fast

First Place Winners!

Congratulations to Abigail Graff, Jenna Dyck, and Michele Catalano who won the 1st place for the **2018 AAMFT Student Ethics Competition** in the Master's/Post-Degree Institute Category. They will receive a cash award and be recognized at the Friday, November 16, 2018 keynote address during the AAMFT annual conference in Louisville, KY.



“Retired” Instructors

The following MMFT long-term contract instructors have stepped down from teaching in the Program:

Cathy Gold, M.MFT.
Maria Gomori, Ph.D.
Stewart Wakeman, M.D.
Mary Warmbrod, Ph.D.

Thank you for many years of commitment and dedication to the education and training of the MMFT students!

In Memoriam

On Saturday, August 11, 2017, the MMFT program lost our beloved supervisor, instructor, colleague, friend, and MMFT family member, Dr. Conny Anderson. Thank you, Conny for sharing your life with us.



Who’s Who on the Rice Centre’s 5th Floor

The MMFT program, the Aurora Family Therapy Centre, Inc., the Faculty of Arts, and some other UWinnipeg units are sharing the floor. The

MMFT program is currently a three-person team consisting of Program Director (Dr. Narumi Taniguchi), Practicum Coordinator (Carl Heaman-Warne), and Program Assistant (joining soon) who are members of the Faculty of Education. These are the only people who know about the MMFT program; and the other people on the 5th floor are not part of the Program. If you have any questions about the MMFT Program, feel free to ask any one of the three of us.

Got News?

If you have a news item that you would like us to share in the next issue of the MMFT Newsletter, please forward it to mftinfo@uwinnipeg.ca. We post MFT-related job announcements and workshop announcements on our Facebook page.

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