



Families II: Foundations in the Family Lifespan

Are you a Marriage and Family Therapist looking to help train the next generation of systemic therapists?
Denver Family Institute is the place for you!

Position Overview:

Denver Family Institute is seeking a Contract Instructor for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. The instructor will teach one 20-hour course (5 Weeks--Wednesdays from 5-9 pm; January to March). The contract instructor would be a part of the DFI Faculty for the 2020-2021 Academic Year with the possibility of a contract renewal based on performance. The instructor will develop the course (including the syllabus) within the DFI guidelines.

Course Description:

Families II: Foundations in the Family Lifespan: This course is designed to provide an understanding of the historical development and basic theory and practice of family therapy. This course introduces family systems, feminist and cultural/contextual models of family therapy, integrating theory, practice and skill development. Content includes current family structures, how different family therapy theories define normal family processes, and how they assess families. Students develop their own ideas on intervention from a family systems perspective with diverse family systems. Family system models covered: Satir, Narrative, Solution-Focused, and Feminist. The class analyzes intersection issues of oppression: sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism and ageism.

About Denver Family Institute:

Denver Family Institute (DFI) is a private, nonprofit organization that exists to strengthen relationships in our community through quality marriage and family therapy (MFT) training and services. The provision and continuous improvement of these services is the core mission of DFI.

To achieve this mission, we provide marriage and family therapy training, consultation to community agencies, and relational therapy to families, couples, and individuals regardless of income. Our focus is on strength-based, systemic therapy, rooted in multicultural, social justice, and ethical principles and practices congruent with the values of our accrediting body and the Mission of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

At Denver Family Institute, we recognize the central importance of relationships in the well being of individuals, couples, families, and communities. Additionally, we honor the diversity in relationships and of individuals in our world. We welcome students, faculty and clients from all cultures, lifestyles, and backgrounds. We have a clear non-discrimination policy and [commitment to social justice](#) in our program. Denver Family Institute was established in 1982 and is a COAMFTE accredited program

Denver Family Institute is a registered 501(c)3 in the state of Colorado.

Requirements:



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License in Marriage and Family Therapy (LMFT) in the State of Colorado (alternative licenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis)

Minimum of 5 years of clinical experience (Post-Graduate)

Ability to attend bi-monthly faculty meetings

Ability to attend annual faculty retreat

Proficient computer skills to work with Google Classroom and manage a DFI email address

Demonstrated commitment to anti-racism and social justice

Preferred Qualifications:

AAMFT Approved Supervisor or Candidate

Prior Teaching Experience

As part of our organizational commitment to equity and social justice, we believe that lived experience is a form of expertise, in addition to formal education and credentials. In the field of mental health and Marriage and Family Therapy, we acknowledge there is a lack of representation of people from low-income backgrounds, as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color and that this pattern is due to a lack of access rooted in systemic racism and oppression. We therefore encourage individuals with identities and lived experiences that mirror DFI's intended client population and those facing the greatest barriers to mental health services to apply for teaching positions and Denver Family Institute.

Physical Requirements/Work Environment:

When teaching, instructors have the choice to sit or stand. Typically instructors use Powerpoint and/or whiteboards for lectures. Instructors also have the option to split students up into smaller groups for small group discussions and role plays. During the COVID pandemic, instructors have been utilizing Zoom for classes, and are able to screen-share powerpoints and other materials, as well as divide students into breakout rooms. DFI can assist instructors with any questions about Zoom.

Instructors need to have the ability to travel to DFI's main campus located at 3600 S. Yosemite St in Denver where in-person classes are held.

A Note About COVID-19 and Format of Class:

As of the time of this posting, it is anticipated that this class will be taught in-person. However, this plan could change depending on factors related to COVID. Instructors may be asked to be flexible and may be asked to adapt the format of their class to in-person, virtual or hybrid depending on current local and federal guidelines pertaining to COVID-19. There is also a possibility that classes may be held at an alternate location from DFI's main campus in order to ensure optimal safety of the learning environment.

To Apply:

Please submit the following to admin@denverfamilyinstitute.org :



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- Cover letter that includes what your goal of the course would be and why you would be a good fit with the Denver Family Institute Faculty.
- Resume or CV