



Couples I: 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 2021-2021 Academic Year. The instructor will teach one 20-hour course (5 Weeks--Tuesdays from 5-9 pm; March to May 2021). 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:

Couples I: Foundations in the Family Lifespan: Couples Studies I is designed to give students a foundational understanding of the treatment of couples in counseling through a lens sensitive to the intersecting issues of oppression: sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, and ageism. Students will develop and enhance skills to help couples create change by learning a variety of strategies to assess and intervene with relational issues. DFI acknowledges that couples work is often challenging and requires personal awareness on the part of the therapist. Students will learn models, theories, and techniques from evidence-based research on working with couples. The course will introduce common patterns that arise in relationships along with specific strategies for improving relationships. This skill-based class encourages students to learn to apply and practice family systems knowledge to actual case situations.

About Denver Family Institute:

Denver Family Institute was established in 1982 and is a COAMFTE accredited Post-Degree Institute (PDI) —offering the opportunity for therapists to train to become quality Marriage and Family Therapists. Our intensive marriage and family therapy training and supervision program mentors the next generation of relational, strength-based therapists by providing quality services in our low-fee clinics. The second part of DFI's mission is to provide access to strength-based therapy to couples, families, and individuals regardless of income level. DFI operates a low-fee counseling clinic and provides more than 5,000 sliding scale counseling sessions each year to the Colorado community.

At DFI, 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 different cultures, lifestyles and backgrounds. We have a clear non-discrimination policy in our program, as well as a commitment to anti-oppression and social justice. We seek to integrate cultural responsiveness and a lens of power, privilege, and oppression in all our courses and supervision.

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