**The mission of the PhD in Couple and Family Therapy program is to prepare professionals with the core identity of Couple and Family Therapist including attainment of advanced skills in research, theory, and application of a systemic framework and identity including an ethical consciousness, cultural competence, and social responsibility.**

**PROGRAM GOALS**

1. To role model a clear professional identity as an ethical Couple and Family Therapist with advanced training, knowledge, and experience.
2. To train students to develop a systemic worldview in their work as a Couple and Family Therapist.
3. To provide students with experience in scholarship developing competence as researchers who will contribute to the field of Couple and Family Therapy.
4. To graduate socially responsible professional Couple and Family Therapists sensitive to social justice and diversity.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. To understand and apply advanced knowledge of systems, modern, and postmodern Couple and Family Therapy theories.
2. To demonstrate cultural competency with diverse populations in the advanced practice as a Couple and Family Therapist across academic, clinical, research, and supervision settings.
3. To demonstrate knowledge of Adlerian principles that can complement systemic work with couples, families, and individuals.
4. To display advanced application in clinical and supervision skills in the practice of Couple and Family Therapy with specific training in grief, loss, and trauma.
5. To exemplify doctoral-level knowledge, skill, and integration of research in the field of Couple and Family Therapy.
6. To demonstrate sensitivity and knowledge in application of social justice, social responsibility, and oppression with couples and families.
7. To establish a clear professional identity including an ethical consciousness as a Couple and Family Therapy with advanced training in preparation to serve the profession.