

AU MFT Newsletter

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Admit when you are wrong. Shut up when you are right.
-John Gottman

News

Congratulations to all six members of cohort 2023 for graduating!

With the graduation of the previous cohort, we are also excited to welcome the new cohort class 2025!

Welcome to Dr. Brian Gillis, LMFT for joining the MFT Faculty! We look forward to working with and learning from Dr. Gillis!

Thank you for Paityn Whittington, temporary Office Administrator, while we search for a new hire. Thank you to Laurinda for Training Shelby Jones to take over.

Congratulations to our Minority Fellows: Madison Winter and Jada Henderson

Welcome, Shelby Jones, as the Office Administrator for the MFT Program!

We are grateful to the alumni from the last ten years. They participated in our survey that is sent out every five years. We are excited to share that we received a 100% response rate from alumni over the past ten years.

Program Updates

- With the addition of Dr. Gillis, students will be able to return to taking their Diagnoses course in their first Spring semester to help better prepare for Fall internships.
- Given the success rate of students signing up for, taking, and passing the national exam during or immediately after the program, a fellowship has been offered to help with the financial burden of taking the exam for qualifying students. Students who are in good standing with the program (3.0 GPA, no current incompletes, and have at least 400 hours of therapy, and no "underperforming" on case audits or Portfolio Rubric domains) are eligible for a \$200.00 fellowship.





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Programmatic Updates

- We are saddened by the Dadeville mass shooting that took the lives of many youths in the area. We appreciate students stepping up and attending Tallassee School Night at the football field, where they met families and promoted our services. It was a great evening of playing nine square in the air, handing out candy and drinks, and informing the community about what we offer. We also thank all students who attended the Trauma Presentation at the Tallassee School District to benefit students and their parents. Our thanks go to Dr. Ketring for offering three presentations to Opelika school officials as they work to support families in their district. Additionally, we reached out to Dadeville and Alexander City to offer Pro Bono services at the AU MFT Center.
- Students will be completing a Supervisor Evaluation Form for each supervisor every semester. This will provide valuable feedback about supervisors at the Center and in placements.
- The faculty were very pleased with the Student Learning Outcomes, especially since some major changes to SLO5 were implemented in 2022. There are clear positive benefits to the program and students, as it promotes diversity and an inclusive mindset.
- After student feedback, two additional computers have been added for remote access.