



AUSTIN FAMILY INSTITUTE

Graduate Internship

HOW TO APPLY

Austin Family Institute accepts applications for three-semester practicum placements twice per year, typically during the fall and spring. Depending on space we may accept applications for the summer semester. To apply for a placement in our Graduate Internship program, please email your cover letter and resume to apply@austinfamilyinstitute.org. In addition, AFI requires three recommendation letters, one from a professor, one from a professional with whom have worked or interned, and a non-family member character reference. Recommenders can send letters via email to apply@austinfamilyinstitute.org or fax at 512-329-6146. We will review those materials and inform you promptly whether we would like to invite you for an interview.

WHAT MAKES AFI DIFFERENT?

At AFI, you get more than just a simple hour of supervision and training. Our practicum students receive at least two hours of hands on supervision per week, once in a group and once in an individual setting. In addition, you will have access to our directors and faculty for consultation and supervision in the case of an emergency or crisis. In addition to those two hours, you will receive one hour of family therapy education per week in our marriage and family therapy seminar in which we discuss relevant clinical issues from a systemic perspective. Finally, on the weeks we do not have an hour of MFT seminar, you will engage in a peer consultation learning group with your other associates. With two locations in Austin, you will have access to diverse populations and clinical challenges. Finally, our commitment is to help train students to become effective, systemic clinicians. By the time you leave AFI, you will be empowered to be placed in almost any professional position you seek, from agency work to private practice.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRADUATE ASSOCIATE PLACEMENT

- Must be on either a LMFT-only or dual-track degree program
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to systems theory
- Speak clearly about MFT models (For ex. Structural, Strategic, Bowen, Narrative)
- Maintain vigilant ethical and professional boundaries
- Collaborate effectively and creatively in a group setting
- Must be teachable and have a desire for knowledge
- Strong communication skills and willingness to ask questions
- Commit at least three semesters to AFI
- Commit at least one evening or Saturday per week for client appointments as part of required 15-18 hour weekly commitment

DEADLINES

Semester *Application Due Date*

Spring.....October 1

Summer.....March 1

Fall.....May 1

Please note that these due dates only apply to traditional semesters. If your school has a non-traditional semester system, please email apply@austinfamilyinstitute.org in order to confirm a due date that that works for your school. Please email apply@austinfamilyinstitute.org for questions and inquiries.