

TOCCOA MFT MATTERS

The Toccoa Falls College Marriage & Family Therapy Newsletter



WELCOME TO 2026

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones having enjoyed a truly blessed holiday season filled with joy, rest, and meaningful connections. As we step into this fresh new year of 2026, there's an exciting sense of renewal and purpose ahead — perfect timing for our program to launch a monthly newsletter dedicated to keeping you connected and informed.

In each issue, we'll share important dates and deadlines, exciting news and updates from the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy program, faculty insights, and inspiring student and alumni spotlights that celebrate the journeys, achievements, and stories of our growing community.

Through this newsletter, we aim to highlight the good work happening right here at Toccoa Falls College, where we train ethical, competent, and compassionate clinicians within a multicultural, integrated Christian framework. Together, we're equipping graduates to offer hope, foster wholeness, and make a lasting, positive impact on marriages, families, and communities around the world.

Thank you for being part of this calling. I'm grateful for each of you and look forward to what God will do in and through us this year!

Warmly,
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IMPORTANT DATES

FULL SEMESTER COURSES:

JANUARY 21ST, 2026 –
MAY 13TH, 2026

SESSION A:

JANUARY 21ST, 2026 –
MARCH 13TH, 2026

SESSION B:

MARCH 23RD, 2026 –
MAY 13TH, 2026

SPRING RESIDENCY:

APRIL 17TH - APRIL 19TH
FOR PREMARITAL AND
MARITAL AND TREATMENT
PLANNING STUDENTS

NEW FACULTY INTRODUCTION



PLEASE WELCOME DR. FRANCHESCA MEYERS, LMFT

Welcome our newest Core Faculty member and new Clinical Training Coordinator, Dr. Franchesca Meyers, LMFT.

Dr. Meyers is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Florida and an AAMFT Approved Supervisor. She completed her masters and doctorate degrees in Family Therapy from Nova Southeastern University, as well as an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Florida Atlantic University and resides in South Florida, where she maintains a private practice.

Dr. Blum will continue to teach a section of Practicum/Internship each semester, as well as take on part-time student advising while Dr. Meyers will oversee field placement/site selection.

COAMFTE UPDATE

We are currently completing Stage 3 of 4 of accreditation (Self-Study) and are expected to finish this step in April 2026 with a Site Visit (Stage 4 of 4 in Fall 2026). We hope to complete the accreditation process by the end of 2026. I will keep you updated as we progress.

STUDENT / ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, February 4th at 7pm EST

Join Dr. Brodarick and faculty for a roundtable discussion on your experiences in the program. We want to hear from you if you have ideas, suggestions, or feedback that can help us improve the program and overall student experience. Student feedback will also be important for us as we work on our program self-study for COAMFTE. A Teams link will be sent out shortly.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CHERYL DUBOIS



What were you doing before entering the MAMFT program?

I am a retired military officer and spent nearly 26 years serving in the armed forces before deciding to enter the MAMFT program. In the years following my retirement and before returning to school, I remained deeply involved in community service.

I worked with several community organizations and projects, served alongside my husband as a Marriage Ministry leader at our church, occasionally taught Tuesday Bible school, and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for three counties in the Augusta area. Through these experiences, I became increasingly aware of the overwhelming need for more mental health professionals, which ultimately inspired me to return to school and pursue this degree.

How would you describe your experience in the program thus far?

My experience at Toccoa Falls College has been absolutely fantastic. Every professor and staff member has been consistently positive, supportive, and genuinely invested in my success. Before choosing TFC, I explored several other schools. Still, I was drawn to TFC because it is a Christian institution that is not too large and offers a personal, close-knit environment where faculty and staff truly know their students. Looking back, this was absolutely the right decision.

I feel welcomed and supported at every level, from the professors to the financial aid office and even the librarians. Whenever I have a question or concern, I receive prompt responses that are both helpful and encouraging. The professors are exceptional. They provide thoughtful, constructive feedback and truly want students to excel. Because it had been a long time since I was last in school, I was initially nervous about returning to an academic environment. However, I have felt nothing but encouragement, understanding, and genuine support as they prepare everyone for the calling of the mental health profession. The faculty consistently provides valuable resources, including information about organizations, documents, and websites, to help us grow both academically and professionally. I genuinely enjoy this school.

What has been your favorite course and why?

This is a difficult question because each course has taught me so much while being both challenging and rewarding. However, if I had to choose, I would say *Theories I* and *II* have been my favorites.

These courses introduced me to various therapeutic models and approaches, allowing me to understand different styles of therapy and giving me opportunities to begin developing my own clinical skills.

What are you most excited for after graduating?

I am most excited about being able to help people once I graduate. Service has been a central theme throughout my entire life, and this degree is a natural extension of that calling. The tools, knowledge, and skills I am gaining through this program will allow me to serve others in a deeper, effective, and more meaningful way. I look forward to walking alongside individuals, couples, and families as they navigate challenges, offering hope, healing, and support while making a lasting impact in my community.