



STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE A POST-DEGREE TITLE (Revised 12/15/17 MFT/AT)

Student's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Instructions: Please read and initial all options that apply to you. You may initial more than one option if more than one reflects your interests. You may change this declaration anytime during the program by signing another statement. This signed statement is returned to the Clinical Training Office.

A. _____ *I intend to pursue the California State license as a Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and/or Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). I understand that:*

- ___ 1. I will need to participate in a clinical placement and obtain 225 hours (75 of which may be Client Centered Advocacy) of practicum experience (direct client service) as part of the Master of Arts degree in Psychology.
- ___ 2. I will be allowed to participate in an approved clinical placement and collect clinical hours after I have been designated as a *Trainee* by the school.
- ___ 3. I will need to submit additional documentation when registering for an intern number if I have been convicted of, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any misdemeanors or felonies or if I have been denied a professional license and I may not be able to qualify for state licensure.
- ___ 4. I understand it is my responsibility to be aware of the Board of Behavioral Sciences Policies Re: Criminal Convictions at http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/crim_conv.shtml. I will contact the Board of Behavioral Sciences at (916) 574-7830 or send an email to BBSWebMaster@dca.ca.gov if I have further questions regarding this issue.
- ___ 5. I will be responsible for knowing and adhering to Phillips Graduate University's requirements for posting my degree, which include 225 hours of practicum experience, 24 hours of personal psychotherapy, a grade point average of B or above and no outstanding financial obligations (including business office, library and/or counseling center).

B. _____ *I intend to pursue the ATR (Art Therapy Registration). I understand that:*

- ___ 1. I will be required to be in an approved clinical placement for at least three semesters in order to obtain 700 hours of practicum experience out of which 350 are direct client service hours.
- ___ 2. I will be required to be continuously enrolled in practicum courses that provide art therapy supervision such as Case Conference, Applied Therapeutic Methodologies, or Field Study Practicum.
- ___ 3. I understand that AATA/ATCB require prerequisites of 12 units of psychology (including Abnormal and Developmental Psychology) and 18 units of studio art.

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- ___ 4. I understand that I will need to be in a traineeship that provides (a) individual supervision; (b) and at least seven client hours per week for a minimum of three semesters in order to gain the required trainee hours to meet AATA/ATCB requirements.
- ___ 5. I understand that I will need to show proof of professional liability insurance that includes Phillips Graduate University as an also named/insured before beginning to see clients; I also understand that I will maintain the insurance as long as I am enrolled at Phillips and seeing clients in a traineeship.

C. ___ *I intend to pursue the California Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling. I understand that:*

- ___ 1. I will need to participate in a field placement (internship) and will be required to obtain 700 hours of service in a public school (K-12) as part of the Masters of Arts degree in School Counseling.
- ___ 2. I will only be able to participate in a field placement if I have completed SC 505A Practicum in School Counseling and I am currently enrolled in SC 505 Supervision and Mentoring. I must also have a Certificate of Clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and current Tuberculosis test.
- ___ 3. I may not be able to qualify for a PPS Credential if I have been convicted of, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any misdemeanors or felonies. I will also need to verify the good standing of credentials held in California and other states.
- ___ 4. I understand it is my responsibility to be aware of the Board of Behavioral Sciences Policies Re: Criminal Convictions at http://www.bbs.ca.gov/app-reg/crim_conv.shtml. I will contact the Board of Behavioral Sciences at (916) 574-7830 or send an email to BBSWebMaster@dca.ca.gov if I have further questions regarding this issue.
- ___ 5. I will be required to submit proof of passage of the CBEST examination prior to beginning field placement and when I apply for the state credential.
- ___ 6. I will be required to submit proof of lawful status in the United States when I apply for the state credential.

D. ___ *I intend to pursue another state title as a practicing therapist. I will complete at least 225 hours of practicum experience and will be responsible for knowing and adhering to that state's current licensing/certification requirements.*

I have read the clinical placement section in the catalog for my program and I understand the program requirements. I have read the Clinical Placement Handbook on the PGU website located at http://pgu.edu/student_services/clinicalplacementandtraining and I am responsible for understanding the contents and following the guidelines.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Printed Name: _____

Please return this signed statement to Pamela Georgette (MFT/AT Practicum Coordinator).

Another statement may be signed if the student changes their declaration.