

## **Mini Course: Social Responsibility and the CMFT Community**

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Time: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

MFT's work in varied settings with individual, couples, families and groups, but whatever the setting or the therapeutic modality, they bring with them a systemic orientation that involves the consideration of each client within both the smaller systems of their familial and romantic relationships, and the larger systems they are a part of, including race, ethnicity, sex, gender, socioeconomic status, religion, sexual orientation, etc. MFT's working with multidisciplinary teams may be the only ones carrying a systemic orientation, and as such must be rooted in their understanding of the value added by this point of view.

This five-week course aims to facilitate the development of an MFT identity, in the context of competency in working with diverse clients affected by privilege and oppression, and amongst colleagues in non-traditional clinical settings. Students will learn about practice with marginalized and underserved communities, and minority groups. Emphasis will also be placed on building skills in multidisciplinary collaboration and practice within defined contexts.