

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MFT Program Updates for our Local Supervisor Community

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## Graduating our 1st Cohort

The UVU MFT Program’s first cohort of 21 students began the program in the fall of 2019. Seventeen of those students completed all program requirements and graduated from UVU with a master’s degree on May 7, 2021.

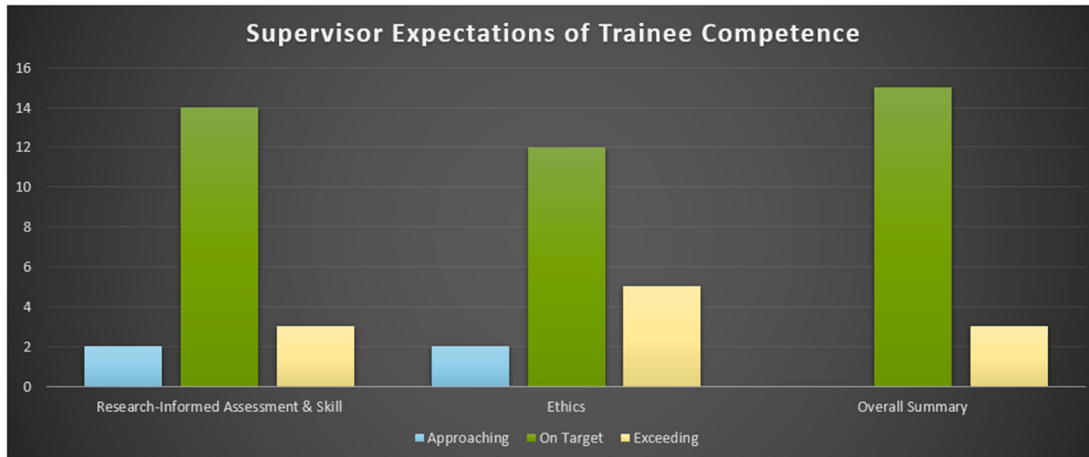


These students have been through an educational experience like no other! Half-way through their second semester in the program, the COVID pandemic pushed all courses and therapy online. These students rose to meet every challenge and we are so proud of them. They worked with you - their off-campus sites and supervisors - to provide over 13,500 hours of therapy to Utah residents. In support of your trainees, you provided over 3450 hours of supervision. We sincerely thank you for your mentorship and your care!

Our remaining four students are working to complete hours and finalize program requirements so that they can graduate at the end of summer semester.

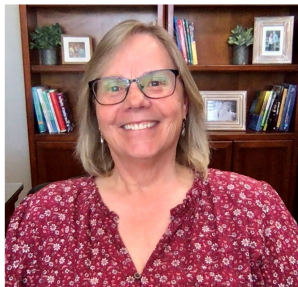
## Supervisor Data

Nineteen supervisors completed our End-of-Program Evaluation. We are happy to see that all of these students were approaching, meeting, or exceeding expectations across competencies in research-informed therapy assessment, skill, and ethics. All supervisors also indicated that the program has sufficient resources to meet its mission, goals and outcomes. Thank you for your feedback!



*“These first two interns ever from the UVU program were exceptional. We hope to continue having more interns come and do their internships here.”*  
- Supervisor comment

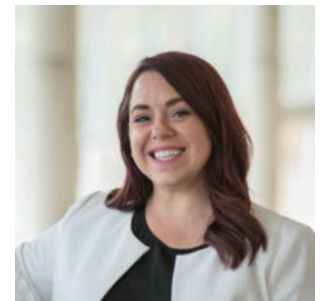
*“Thanks UVU for your great program!”*  
- Supervisor Comment



## Exciting Program Updates

We hired a new MFT Clinical Director. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Colleen Peterson to our MFT faculty team. Dr. Peterson is an AAMFT Approved Supervisor with 25 years of supervision experience. She also brings 17 years of experience with UNLV’s MFT program and clinic. She will join us in August, and she will be the primary point of contact between local supervisors and the MFT program.

We also hired Dr. Megan Story Chavez, who taught for the UVU MFT program last year as a lecturer. We are delighted to welcome her as full-time faculty! Dr. Story Chavez has experience in medical family therapy and conducts research about marginalized populations.



In January, the MFT program moved to a different building on campus. We are hopeful that all MFT, CMHC, and MSW clinical faculty offices, classrooms, and our community clinic will be located in this building by fall semester. Remodeling is scheduled to start this month.