



Admission Requirements Play Therapy Certificate Program

Please note: If you are missing any of the requirements below you may still be admitted to the program with a conditional acceptance with the understanding that the requirements will be fulfilled at a later time if you decide to pursue certification as a Child Psychotherapist or Certified Play Therapy Associate.

Educational Requirements:

University: A Masters degree in Psychology or Social Work is preferred. An undergraduate degree in Social Work, Arts, Social Science, Nursing, or other related human services field is acceptable as granted by an accredited university. Applicants need to have completed degree-credit courses in two areas:

- 1) Child Development or Developmental Psychology and
- 2) Child and Adolescent Behavioral Disorders and Psychopathology or Human Adjustment & Maladjustment or Abnormal Psychology or Theories of Personality

Or

Community College: In certain circumstances the Admission Committee will review Community College graduates or those with a three-year diploma program such as Child & Youth Worker or Nursing. Applicants need to have completed diploma credit courses in two areas: 1) Child & Adolescent Psychology and 2) Normal Growth & Development

Or

Other: Community college diplomas or degrees may be considered if the relevant course work has been completed and if you have a minimum of ten years experience working with children in a therapeutic setting

Clinical Experience:

Work experience in a field related to children in therapeutic settings and demonstrated ongoing professional development in your field (workshops, conferences or institutes) will strengthen your application for admission.

References:

Two letters of recommendation are part of the application. These letters should come from people who are in a position to comment on your skills, attitudes, and experiences relevant to human services and your potential as a Play Therapist.

Membership Requirement:

You must be a member in good standing of the CACPT in order to enroll in the Play Therapy Certificate Program. To join CACPT go to the [membership page](#) on this web site, or call the association at 519 827 1506.