

## **CACPT Play Therapy Certificate Program: Answers to Commonly Asked Questions**

**Question:** Can I still enroll in the Play Therapy Certificate Program if I do not have a Degree or Community College Diploma in a human service field?

**Answer:** Yes. A Degree or Community College Diploma in a human service field is preferred, but other applicants will be considered for admission on a case by case basis. If you do not meet the requirements for admission, you may still be admitted into the program but you may need to obtain further educational training if you want to pursue certification.

**Question:** Can I attend individual courses rather than enrolling in the entire Certificate Program?

**Answer:** CACPT encourages students to complete the full program in order to learn core material in the theory and practice of Play Therapy. However, you can register for individual courses. The cost is \$190 for CACPT members and \$210 for non-CACPT members.

**Question:** If I do not reside in the London area, where can I obtain accommodation while I attend the London Certificate Program?

**Answer:** Accommodation is available on site at the King's University College residence. Cost is \$35-\$40/day. There are also hotels and Bed & Breakfasts in the area. More information will be provided upon acceptance to the program.

**Question:** If I have received prior play therapy training or if I have already completed some of the courses in the curriculum, do I have to take them again?

**Answer:** No. You can request to be exempt from specific courses by applying for a course exemption. There is a \$50 non-refundable processing fee for this application.

**Question:** Do I need to complete assignments as part of the Play Therapy Certificate Program?

**Answer:** Yes. There is one assignment for each of the three levels of the program. The assignments are an important part of the program as they help students to integrate material learned in the program. In order to graduate from the Play Therapy Certificate Program, students must complete all three assignments. The assignments are due in October. Further details on topics for the assignments will be provided during the program.

**Question:** If I complete the Play Therapy Certificate Program, does this mean that I am certified?

**Answer:** No. Completing the Play Therapy Certificate Program provides you with the educational requirements necessary to become certified. There are additional

requirements that must be fulfilled in order to become certified. Complete Certification details can be [found here](#).

**Question:** What's the difference between Certification and the Certificate Program?

**Answer:** Certification refers to the process of becoming a Certified Play Therapist. There are a number of requirements needed in order to become “Certified”, including play therapy training, clinical supervision and direct contact hours working with children in a play therapy setting. The Certificate Program provides the 150 hours of CACPT approved play therapy training needed as part of the Certification process. If you have received little training in play therapy, then completing the Certificate Program is an excellent way to obtain the training you need as part of the Certification process. If you have already received 150 hours of CACPT approved play therapy training, then you do not need to complete the Certificate Program in order to pursue Certification. If you have had some approved play therapy training, then you may be eligible for course exemptions in the Certificate Program. Complete Certification details can be [found here](#).

**Question:** Will I be able to obtain any clinical supervision while I attend the Play Therapy Certificate Program that I can use toward the 150 hours of Play Therapy Supervision needed to become Certified?

**Answer:** Yes. Several of the instructors in the program offer group supervision from 4-6 pm on select days during the program, at a cost of \$50 per student. Group supervision is organized by the instructors and not by CACPT. Group supervision is not mandatory; it is an option made available to students. If you are not currently practicing play therapy, you can still participate in Group Supervision as you can observe other students as they present cases. Students will be provided with further information on dates and times of supervision on the first day of the Play Therapy Certificate Program.