

CERTIFICATE IN PLAY THERAPY

Overview

The Play Therapy Certificate offers graduate students (those in M.A. Counseling, M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy, and MSW programs) and mental health professionals the training they need to become Registered Play Therapists. This certificate offers training that most mental health professionals do not receive in their degree programs. It prepares emerging and established professionals with the education they will need to serve younger generations competently.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Certificate in Play Therapy will:

- Apply play therapy theories and approaches to clinical practice.
- Demonstrate proficiency in play therapy assessment and techniques.
- Apply ethical principles and ethical decision making to play therapy assessment and practice.
- Develop sensitivity to cultural, religious, and spiritual diversity throughout the play therapy process.

Admission Requirements

- Meet the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/graduate/admission/admission-requirements/>).
- Submit an official transcript (U.S. schools) or NACES or AICE evaluation (international schools) showing an earned baccalaureate or higher degree, and official transcripts or NACES or AICE evaluations from all graduate schools attended. Visit www.naces.org (<https://www.naces.org/>) or www.aice-eval.org (<http://aice-eval.org/>) for lists of member organizations.
- Must be a current Mental Health Professional who has completed a Master's degree in Counseling or related field, or be a graduate student in a mental health professional field (Psychology, Social Work, Counseling, or MFT). Current graduate students will need to demonstrate they are in good standing in their current program.
- Interview with the program director or enrollment counselor if requested.

Certificate Requirements

Certificate in Play Therapy

The required curriculum for the Play Therapy Certificate comprises a 12 semester credit sequence of courses.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| COUN 700 | Introduction to Play Therapy and Techniques | 3 |
| COUN 705 | Child and Family Play Therapy Assessment * | 2 |
| COUN 710 | Foundational Play Therapy and Techniques * | 2 |
| COUN 715 | Non-Directive Play Therapy Theories and Techniques * | 2 |
| COUN 725 | Trauma and Play Therapy * | 1 |
| COUN 730 | Introduction to Sandtray * | 1 |
| COUN 735 | Theraplay | 1 |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

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* Course must be taken for credit at Bethel.