



Graduate Certificate in Child/Play Therapy

Graduate certificates are awarded to students who desire interdisciplinary course work to compliment their graduate degree program, or to students who, for academic, personal, or professional reasons, desire graduate-level education not leading to a graduate degree.

The Counseling program in the department of Counseling, Educational, and School Psychology offers a post-masters certificate program in child/play therapy. The graduate certificate in Child/Play Therapy is designed to meet training standards for play therapists established by the Association of Play Therapy, a national professional organization in the area of play therapy.

Certificate Requirements:

Students will complete an introductory course, a course that focuses on play therapy with young children and their parents, a psychopathology course related to young children, and a practicum. An advanced techniques course is designed to allow the program and individual instructors the flexibility to address current, relevant issues in the area of play therapy, as well as specific techniques either not covered in the introductory course or which warrant expansion beyond the extent to which they were covered in the introductory course. The practicum will require students to conduct 100 hours of play therapy while receiving weekly supervision from a trained play therapist.

Courses to be completed:

- CESP 841: Fundamentals of Play Therapy (3 credit hours)
- CESP 842: Play Therapy with Young Children (3 credit hours)
- CESP 843: Child Psychopathology in Play Therapy (3 credit hours)
- CESP 844: Advanced Techniques in Child and Play Therapy (3 credit hours)
- CESP 865: Practicum in Play Therapy (3 credit hours)

All courses are letter graded. Upon completion of CESP 841, students will be eligible to enroll in the practicum. Students may not transfer any courses from another institution as part of this certificate program.

A cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00 for all courses comprising this certificate program is required. No grades below a "C" are allowed in the certificate program courses.

Completion process:

1. Student must notify the program area in writing of intent to complete the certificate.
2. In the semester the certificate requirements are met students must:
 - Prepare (with graduate advisor) and submit (to the Graduate School) a Plan of Study (for the certificate).
 - Submit an Application for Graduate Certificate form, along with the \$15.00 filing fee, to the Graduate School no later than the 20th day of classes for the fall or spring semester or the 10th day of classes for the summer semester.

Admission Requirements:

- Evidence of having completed a master's degree in counseling, social work, or a closely related field.
- Cumulative Graduate Grade Point Average: 3.25 in required courses for the prerequisite graduate degree.
- Resume: The resume should include evidence of experience working in a professional counseling role.
- Goal Statement: The goal statement must indicate an intention to work with young children as part of future professional role
- References: Two professional references.

Students seeking this graduate certificate program must be admitted to the Graduate School in at least non-degree Category A status. Students should contact the Graduate School to determine if they need to apply for admission to this status, or need to reactivate their enrollment file. Students who have not completed graduate coursework at Wichita State University will need to apply for admission to Category A status in Counseling, by submitting an application, and application fee to the Graduate School. Two official transcripts reflecting the award of the master's degree must be sent directly to the Graduate School from the institution issuing the transcript. Hand carried, issued to student, or faxed/scanned transcripts will not be accepted.

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