Available 100% Online

Ed.S. in Play Therapy

Training to Meet Registered Play Therapist Requirements
Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) in Counselor Education - Play Therapy

Overview
The University of Mississippi is pleased to offer a post-master’s specialist degree in education for those interested in play therapy and becoming a Registered Play Therapist. Our program is provided online for national and international students.

Curriculum
We offer a fall to summer curriculum with a two semester practica experience and an intensive supervision residency. Students will complete 21 credit hours, record at least 335 hours of play therapy sessions, and receive 35 hours of supervision by the course instructor who will be a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. An onsite residency is required for three days in the summer semester. The residency is held at The University of Mississippi at the COPE Clinic.

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Admission
You must apply online with the Graduate School in the Educational Specialist’s Degree in Counselor Education with an emphasis in play therapy. Please submit your application and transcripts by April 1 to begin coursework in the fall semester. You are encouraged to apply and complete your application process as soon as possible for a prompt review and admission decision. Please see admission requirements.
## Admission Requirements

- **License/Certification**
  - Must hold current and active individual state license (or certification) to engage in either independent or supervised clinical mental health practice.
  - Licenses accepted include LCP, LPC, LCSW, LMFT, LSC, LLP, as well as licensed Psychiatrist and psychiatric/mental health nursing.
  - Licensed school counselors must submit their state certificates from their State Department of Education.

- **Educational Degrees**
  - Must have earned a master's or higher mental health degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
  - Must have also completed designated core graduate coursework, i.e. ethics, child development, theories of personality, principles of psychotherapy, and child/adolescent psychopathology.

- **Clinical Experience**
  - Must have completed at least 1 year and 1,000 hours of supervised post-master's clinical experience.

- **Proof of current professional liability insurance**

- **Criminal Background Check**

- **A formal phone interview**

- **Access to at least 10 hours of play therapy experiences per week over a 35 week period beginning in October — July**

## Play Therapy Curriculum

### Fall Courses
- COUN 770 (3) - Introduction to Play Therapy
- COUN 771 (2) - Expressive Arts with Children and Adolescents
- COUN 773 (1) - Application of Play Therapy in Schools
  
  or

- COUN 774 (1) - Application of Play Therapy in Mental Health Services
- COUN 780 (1) - Practicum in Play Therapy
  (Begins October 1)

### Spring Courses
- COUN 772 (2) - Current Theories in Play Therapy
- COUN 779 (2) - Child-Parent Relationship Therapy
- COUN 780 (3) - Practicum in Play Therapy

### Summer Courses
- COUN 776 (3) - Play Therapy Supervision
- COUN 777 (2) - Play Therapy in the Courtroom: Legal and Ethical Issues
- COUN 780 (2) - Practicum in Play Therapy