

Pathways to Advanced Training and Credentialing in Play Therapy

National Institute for Relationship Enhancement (NIRE)

Certification in Play Therapy

This program leads to certification in Child-Centered play therapy.

Credential earned: CCPT (Child-Centered Play Therapist)

Credential of Supervisor: CCPT-S (Child-Centered Play Therapist Supervisor)

Program Requirements: In order to enroll in the program individuals must submit an application, have an earned master's degree in a helping profession OR be currently matriculated in such a program, and have a three credit graduate level course in play therapy or the equivalent in workshops.

Parameters of the program: Supervisees submit recorded sessions for review by a supervisor. Supervisees will earn a minimum of 26 hours of clinical supervision. Supervision can be face to face, phone and/or video conference. Individual and group supervision formats are allowed.

Fees: There is an application fee (for the most accurate fee see www.nire.org) and fees for supervision that are set by NIRE, but supervisors are able to set fees independently.

Association for Play Therapy (APT)

Certification in Play Therapy

This program leads to certification in play therapy.

Credential earned: RPT (Registered Play Therapist)

Credential of Supervisor: RPT-S (Registered Play Therapist Supervisor)

Program Requirements: In order to enroll in the program individuals must submit an application, have an earned master's degree in a helping profession, hold a license or certification in said helping profession and have a coursework in play therapy (or the equivalent in workshops (150 continuing education hours). See the APT web site for further explanation and clarification (www.a4pt.org).

Parameters of the program: Supervisees will earn a minimum number of continuing education hours in play therapy. Clinical supervision is also necessary and can be face to face and/or phone. Individual and group supervision formats are allowed.

Fees: There is an application fee (for the most accurate fee see www.a4pt.org). Fees for supervision are set by supervisors.

***I encourage interested people to seek credentialing through NIRE **and** APT. The entire NIRE program can be applied to APT credentialing program. In essence, supervisees can pick up the NIRE credential on the way to earning the APT credential. I am credentialed as both a NIRE and APT supervisor. Please feel free to contact me if you need help in negotiating the process. ***

-Jodi Mullen