



CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES: CHILD TRAUMA AND PLAY THERAPY
SEMINAR: INTERSECTIONALITY AND PLAY THERAPY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The final course in the play therapy sequence, this course will facilitate students' synthesis of play therapy skills and theoretical models into counseling practice with a particular focus on settings that serve children and families in marginalized communities. Grounded in an intersectional framework for analyzing structural identities, this course will challenge students to engage with issues of power, privilege, and social justice in play therapy case conceptualization and practice. Through a combination of lecture, discussion, and skills practice, students will develop tools to empower children and families through play therapy interventions. This course will also provide students with opportunities to reflect on their professional growth and development as play therapists.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explain an intersectional approach to case conceptualization and apply the approach to play therapy practice
- Synthesize previous knowledge of non-directive, directive, and prescriptive approaches to play therapy
- Identify play therapy approaches that are best suited to one's own counseling practice

COURSE DETAILS (Spring 2026)

Thursdays 7:30-9:30 PM onsite in Philadelphia, PA
1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2,
4/9, 4/16



This course meets criteria for 28 CONTACT CE hours of Play Therapy Specific Education.

REFERENCES

- Burgin, E. E., & Prosek, E. A. (2021). Culturally responsive play therapy with military-connected children and families: Opportunities for rigorous research. *International Journal of Play Therapy*, 30(4), 221–230.
- Chase, L., & Post, P. (2022). Factors impacting play therapists' social justice advocacy attitudes. *International Journal of Play Therapy*, 31(4), 248–258.
- Ray, D.C et al. (2021) Child centered play therapy and adverse childhood experiences: A randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 100(2), 134-145.



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Participants may cancel for a full refund up to 48 hours before the program start. Please contact Neil.Andress@jefferson.edu to notify of cancellation and request a refund.

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