

Certificate in Play Therapy

9 units

To earn this certificate, you must complete 9 semester units (minimum of 150 hours of coursework) over a two-year period to meet the Association for Play Therapy (<https://www.a4pt.org/>)'s instructional-hours requirement toward becoming a Registered Play Therapist (RPT) or Registered Play Therapist Supervisor (RPT-S).

To be eligible for registration as an RPT, students must complete the certificate program and be enrolled in, or have completed, a graduate clinical degree program that enables graduates to be eligible for licensure.

Students who complete the coursework without an appropriate graduate clinical degree can still obtain the certificate from APU, but will not be eligible for registration as an RPT with the Association for Play Therapy.

Code	Title	Units
Choose three of the following:		9
CPSY 536	Play Therapy: History, Theories, and Interventions	
CPSY 538	Jungian Therapy and Sandplay	
CPSY 539	Play and Play Therapy Across the Lifespan	
CPSY 540	Gestalt Play Therapy and Interventions	
CPSY 541	Play Therapy with Special Populations	
CPSY 545	Play Therapy with Bereaved Children and Families	
Total Units		9

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Students will demonstrate core competence in the core domains of practice identified by the Association for Play Therapy.
2. Students will demonstrate core competence in child/youth development, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, psychoeducation, and prevention interventions.
3. Students will analyze disciplinary research and professional literature.
4. Students will demonstrate professional level skills in written and oral communication.
5. Students will integrate Christian faith with professional conceptualization and service delivery in counseling.