



Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Counselor Education: School-Based 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 (RPT) or School Based (SB-RPT). Our program is provided online for national students.

Curriculum

Students will complete **25 credit hours**, record at least **600 hours** of play therapy sessions, and receive **50 hours** of supervision by the course instructor who will be a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. An on-site residency is required for three days in the summer semester. The residency is held at The University of Mississippi at the COPE Clinic.

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.

Play Therapy Curriculum

Fall 1 Courses

- Introduction to Play Therapy (3)
- Current Theories in Play Therapy (3)

Spring 1 Courses

- Expressive Arts with Children and Adolescents (2)
- Play Diagnosis and Assessment (2)
- Practicum in Play therapy (2)

Summer Courses

- Practicum in Play Therapy (1)

Fall 2 Courses

- Psychopharmacology in Play Therapy (2)
- Child-Parent Relationship Therapy (2)
- Practicum in Play Therapy (2)

Spring 2 Courses

- Play Therapy in the Courtroom: Legal and Ethical Issues (2)
- Play Therapy Supervision (2)
- Practicum in Play Therapy (2)

Admissions Requirements

License/Certification

- Must have current and active individual state license or certificate from the State Department of Education to practice as a school counselor or school psychologist.
- Licenses accepted include 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, child/adolescent psychopathology, and cultural & social diversity.

Clinical Experience

- Clinical experience required by the State Department of Education school counselor or school psychologist license/certification, plus two (2) years of continuous work in school setting post licensure/certification.

Proof of current professional liability insurance

Criminal Background Check

Access to at least 10 hours of play therapy experiences per week

Deadline April 1

Apply at gradschool.olemiss.edu



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