

SPECIAL NOTICE

COVID-19 & THE ATTAINMENT OF PLAY THERAPY INSTRUCTION

Effective May 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020, APT Approved Providers may temporarily offer "contact" hours for online continuing education if the training meets all of the following conditions:

1. is offered via a synchronous telehealth format that has interactive capabilities to ensure full attendee presence and engagement throughout the duration of the training,
2. is limited to 40 participants or less,
3. length of play therapy training is a minimum of two hours, one-hour workshops will not be accepted,
4. includes a post-test that reflects a level of engagement and skill acquisition appropriate for post graduate level continuing education instruction with multiple choice questions and limited true/false questions, and
5. includes the following statement on promotional materials and on the certificate of attendance:

Due to COVID-19 health concerns, this one-time online event has been approved by APT for (# hrs) CONTACT CE Hours.

Note:

1. Trainings must be advertised either as non-contact or contact, not depending on the number of registrants.
2. The training must be held in a live (real-time) webinar format. Recorded videos do not qualify for contact CE.
3. Approved Providers are welcome to continue offering non-contact training to groups larger than 40 and awarding non-contact play therapy hours in accordance with the Approved Provider Standards.

Additionally, graduate play therapy courses fall under the "contact" hour format whether offered in-person or online. This is a longstanding policy held by APT that affords the student 22.5 hours of play therapy instruction for every semester credit. Play therapy instruction hours may be obtained via graduate play therapy courses when:

1. the course is visible on a graduate transcript with a passing grade or is audited (see the RPT Credentialing Standards for additional information), and
2. a copy of the syllabus is provided and demonstrates play therapy content throughout the description, learning objectives, required readings, and class assignments.

