

Therapeutic Play Skills Certificate

Mountmellick, Co Laois

March 9th, 2019

Therapeutic Play Skills is a Level 6 Minor Award (6N4705) offered on a part time, blended learning basis which will equip the learner with the relevant knowledge, skill and competence to plan, deliver and evaluate both group and individual play-based interventions. It is an experientially based learning programme with an additional online component. Participants will engage in creative activities that will enhance personal development, develop insight and awareness, and contribute to understanding, and meeting, the needs of all children including those living in adverse circumstances. Directive and non-directive therapeutic approaches will be addressed.

Programme Aims

- Equip participants with skills to plan and deliver, individual and group, developmentally appropriate play interventions with children and young people;
- Enable learners to focus on meeting children's specific needs and facilitate therapeutic interventions in the context of their holistic development using play;
- Enable participants to use play as a therapeutic and developmental medium in a wide range of settings including educational/learning, residential and day care, recreational and hospital;
- Equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to use play and its developmental, educational and therapeutic applications.

This programme is suitable for those who:

- Have a particular interest in the therapeutic powers of play and wish to acquire skills to facilitate children and young people to overcome negative influences and circumstances in their lives.
- Wish to attain a recognized qualification and embark on, or enhance, a professional career in working with children in a range of settings.
- Wish to further their own knowledge and understanding of play and its developmental, educational and therapeutic applications.
- Would like to upskill to enhance employment prospects and/or job satisfaction and promotion opportunities.

This award will also be of interest to holders of the Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education and to others including teachers, therapists, social workers etc whose professional life brings them into regular contact with at-risk children and children in crisis. It is also suitable for a broad range of childcare staff in community based or residential settings.

To access this programme learners should have reached the standards of knowledge, skills and competence associated with level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This may have been achieved through a formal qualification or through relevant life and work experiences.

Cost: €680 (Payment plan options available on request)

Venue: Listening Tree Play Therapy Centre, Mountmellick Development Association, Irishtown, Mountmellick, Co Laois

Content

Unit 1 – Play, Child Development, and Service Provision

Unit 2 – Plan for and Support Self-directed Play

Unit 3 – Planning and Implementing Play Interventions: Non-Directive Play Skills

Unit 4 – Planning and Implementing Play Interventions: Therapeutic Storytelling

Unit 5 – Planning and implementing Play Interventions: Creative Visualization

Unit 6 – Planning and Implementing Play Interventions: Interactive Play

Unit 7 – Planning and Implementing Play Interventions: Therapeutic Use of Puppets

Unit 8 – Planning and Implementing Play Interventions: Medical Play

Unit 9 – Working with Groups for Personal and Social Development

Unit 10 – Professional Practice

On completion of the programme and the attainment of 15 credits the learner will be awarded a Level 6 component certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills. This can be used as a component of the Level 6 Major Award in Early Childhood Care and Education (6M2007) or other suitable Major Awards.

Dates: This course will run on 7 Saturdays beginning on 9th March 2019. Start time is 9.30am each day and usual finish time is 4.30pm. Dates: 9th March 23rd March 6th April 27th April 11th May 25th May 8th June, handing in assignments and closing 22nd June

Online: Each learner will also have access to the online component of this course for a three-month period.

Local Contact & Facilitator Monique McEvoy, SIAPTP, Monique has an MA in Humanistic and Integrative Psychotherapy with a specialisation in Play Therapy, BA in Dance Movement Therapy. Diploma in Creative Supervision. Monique works as a Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist for The Children at Risk foundation (CARI), is founder of the Listening Tree Play Therapy Centre, and a Trainer for CTC, Children's Therapy Centre. Monique has worked for over 25 years supporting children and families in community and residential settings. Monique has extensive experience working with children, young people and their families with complex trauma, social and emotional difficulties, intellectual disabilities,

developmental delays, communication disorders, and children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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Applications are accepted by letter/email giving details of the applicant's name, address, email and phone numbers, educational background, current employment, and reasons for wishing to complete the course. An up to date CV should be included.

Successful applicants may need to be garda vetted prior to completing practical assignments in an early years, education or healthcare setting. Please indicate in application letter if you have already been Garda vetted and if you have access to children in a suitable work (paid or voluntary) setting within which you could complete play sessions.

Post letter of application and brief CV to: Children's Therapy Centre, Slievenagorta, Ballymore, Mullingar, Co Westmeath or email to childrenstherapycentre@gmail.com
Phone: 087 6488149

Fees: Payable directly to bank account (details available on payment plan sheet) or post to above address. Cheques, drafts, PO's payable to Children's Therapy Centre