

The following courses are required:

Must Complete 12 credit hours from those listed below:

The following courses are REQUIRED:

- **SWRK 7041**- Play Therapy (3)- This is an introductory course and is designed to teach play therapy theory and techniques to graduate students. This course supports the APT requirements for play therapy history, Play Therapy Seminal or Historically Significant Theories, and Play Therapy Skills and Methods.
- **SWRK 7702** Advanced Play Therapy- This is an advanced play therapy class that focuses on Group Skills and Assessment (3)- This is an advanced Play Therapy course on implementing play therapy techniques in groups. This course supports the APT requirements for play therapy history, Play Therapy Seminal or Historically Significant Theories, and Play Therapy Skills and Methods.
- **SWRK 7701**-Play Therapy and Expressive Arts (3) This course provides an overview of the use of expressive arts techniques in play therapy. This course supports the APT requirements for play therapy skills and methods, special topics and applicant choice.
- **SWRK 6937** -School Social Work (3)- The purpose of this course is to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for successful and competent social work and play therapy practices in public schools. This course supports the APT requirements for play therapy skills and methods, special topics and applicant choice.

Degree Plan

The following will provide an overview of the University of Memphis Play Therapy Graduate Certificate three-semester (1 year) degree plan. This can be completed in a post-graduate format OR concurrently during the students' masters level programming.

Fall 1 Courses	SWRK 7041 - Play Therapy Intro (3) M50 Or SWRK 6937 - School Social Work (3) M50	Fall 2 Courses	SWRK 7701 Play Therapy in Expressive Arts (3) OR SWRK 7041 - Play Therapy Intro (3) M50 OR SWRK 6937 - School Social Work (3) M50
Spring 1 Courses	SWRK 7702 Advanced Play Therapy- Group interventions (3) M50 OR SWRK 7041 - Play Therapy Intro (3) M50	Spring 2 Courses	SWRK 7042 - Play Therapy Intro (3) M50 OR SWRK 7702 Advanced Play Therapy- Group interventions (3) M50
Summer 1 Course	SWRK 6937 - School Social Work (3) M50 OR	Summer 2 Course	SWRK 6937 - School Social Work (3) M50 OR

	SWRK 7701 Play Therapy in Expressive Arts (3)		SWRK 7701 Play Therapy in Expressive Arts (3)
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Retention Requirements

Retention requirements are the same as those in the Master of Social Work Program. All students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00. Should the student’s cumulative GPA fall below that mark, a period of one semester will be allowed to correct the deficiency. At the discretion of the chair, the director of graduate studies in the student’s college, and the Assistant Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, this period may be extended one additional semester. No more than 6 hours of "C-," "C" or "C+" will be applied toward meeting graduate degree requirements. “D+,” “D,” and “F” will not be applied towards the graduate degree requirements. All students who fall below a GPA of 3.0 for one semester, and all students who earn a grade of “D+,” “D,” or “F” will be automatically referred to meet with the program retention committee the following semester.

All other affiliated and participating graduate programs (Counseling, Psychology, and Clinical Mental Health) identified retention requirements are to be administered and adhered to for purposes of this graduate certificate.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete all four required courses with an average grade of B (3.0) or higher for a total of 12 credit hours.

Students may earn no more than 3 credit hours of C+, C, or C- grades.

Admissions Requirements and Program Inquiry

Please contact Dr. Susan Elswick EdD, LCSW, LSSW, IMH-E, RPT-S (selswick@memphis.edu) with questions and for further information on admission requirements.

Continuing Education

The University of Memphis Play Therapy Education, Training, and Research Center will support the development and maintenance of local RPT and RPT-S by offering an annual Play Therapy Conference offering community APT approved CEUs for the local and regional play therapy communities. To maintain the RPT credential annual continuing education is required. To find out more about renewal standards, please visit: <https://www.a4pt.org>