

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING INSTITUTES

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In addition to being a full-time professor in the Division of Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy (DCMFT) at Regis University, Dr. Christensen is also an Approved Provider of Play Therapy Education (Provider #07-097) by the Association for Play Therapy (APT). She provides play therapy training and clinical supervision in the US & Internationally.

Italy Play Therapy Institute (2012-present) – In collaboration with the University of Holy Cross New Orleans, this is a 10-day play therapy training institute that takes place in an 18th century villa in rural Tuscany, Italy. Participants are from various universities across the country who are interested in advanced training in play therapy and in attaining the Registered Play Therapy (RPT) credential. <http://uhcno.edu/internationalPrograms/italy-play-therapy-institute.html>

Regis University Approved Center for Play Therapy Education (2010-present)

Our play therapy courses and child and adolescent counseling post-graduate certificate program become the 12th of now 18 credentialed programs internationally to be designated as an Approved Center for Play Therapy Education. This credential is designated by the Association for Play Therapy to play therapy training programs that meet rigor in research, practice, teaching, and service related to play therapy. As an Approved Center, our play therapy courses and institutes are nationally certified for those interested in gaining their Registered Play Therapy (RPT) Credential.

A component of the Regis University Child & Adolescent Certification Program (2008-2014)

This certification program is designed for advanced level master's students and community mental health professions interested in training that meets the Association for Play Therapy (APT) requirements for the Registered Play Therapy (RPT) credential and to advanced comprehensive training in the areas of child, adolescent, and family counseling. The post-graduate certificate program includes 18-credit hours of training specific to child and adolescents, including several play therapy courses developed by Christensen including:

MCPY 668 Play in Family Therapy (2010)

MCPY 670 Advanced Play Therapy (2010)

MCPY 684 Play Therapy and Counseling Internationally – in Italy and Ireland (Fall, 2014)

MCPY 680 Current Trends in Play Therapy (Spring, 2017)

Old Dominion University Play Therapy Institute, Norfolk, VA (2007)

Designed and implemented a Registered Play Therapist Training Program that included a 6-session weekend workshop series that took place from October 2007 through March 2008. The workshop was sponsored by the Programs for Continued learning in the Darden College of Education at Old Dominion University.

Program Description: The purpose of this program was to provide a workshop series for community clinicians, master's students, and professionals who were interested in learning more about play therapy or who intended to receive the training and supervised experience necessary to become Registered Play Therapists (RPT).

- Credentialing- Training programs are approved for Continuing Education by:
- (1) The Association for Play Therapy (APT).
 - (2) The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

Play Therapy Certification Institute at the University of New Orleans, LA (2001)

A Registered Play Therapist Training Program that was originally offered in collaboration between the University of New Orleans and the McFarland Institute and is now offered by the University of New Orleans.

Program Description: The purpose of this program was to provide a year-long series of classes and workshops for community clinicians, counseling students, and professionals who were interested in learning more about play therapy or who intended to receive the training and supervised experience necessary to become Registered Play Therapists (RPT). This project was developed through UNO's Metropolitan College. For details about the workshop series that exists, access: <http://ed.uno.edu/sites/playtherapy/> .

Credentialing - Training programs are approved for Continuing Education by:

- (1) The Association for Play Therapy (APT).
- (2) The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).
- (3) The National Association of Social Workers in Louisiana (NASW-LA)

New Course Development at University of New Orleans

EDGC 6870 –Advanced Play Therapy (2001)

EDGC 6860 - Introduction to Play Therapy (2000)

EDGC 6830 – Counseling Children and Adolescents (2000)

International and National Learning Institutes

Presented in reverse order.

* *Anxiety Disorders in Children Affected by Abuse*. Full-day workshop sponsored by Family Care Counseling and Idaho State University, Idaho Falls, ID, April 1997.

* *Limit Setting in Play Therapy*. Co-facilitated a two-day workshop with Nancy Smith. Pocatello, ID, January 1997.

* *Group Play Therapy with Children Affected by Trauma*. Two-day workshop at Sam Houston State University, Sam Houston, TX, February 1999.

* *The Process of Play Therapy: How to Apply Techniques and Interventions*. Full-day workshop called Big Times in the Big Easy Seminars in Counseling, New Orleans, LA, September 2000.

* *Advanced Play Therapy Skills*. A two-day workshop offered by the Department of Counseling at Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID, February 2001.

* *Group Play Therapy*. Full-day workshop sponsored by the Louisiana Association for Play Therapy and Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge, LA, June 2001.

- **Powerful Parenting*. A Parent and Family Education Program for the Louisiana Children's Museum, New Orleans, LA, March 2002.
- **Introduction to Play Therapy*. Two-day workshop sponsored by Portland State University, Portland, OR, April 2004.
- * *Group Play Therapy*. A half-day workshop at *A Counselor's Tour of Italy*. Sponsored by Metropolitan College, University of New Orleans, Reggello, Italy, May 2004.
- **Filial Therapy and Family Play Therapy*. Two-day workshop sponsored by Portland State University, Portland, OR, April 2005.
- * *Filial and Family Play Therapy*. A half-day workshop at *A Counselor's View of Italy*. Sponsored by University of New Orleans, Reggello, Italy, May 2006.
- * *Techniques in Play Therapy*. A half-day workshop at *A Counselor's Tour of Italy*. Sponsored by the Darden College of Education at Old Dominion University, Reggello, Italy, May 2007.
- * *Utilizing Play & Creative Techniques for Personal Growth & Professional Development*. A half-day workshop at *A Counselor's View of Italy*. Sponsored by the Darden College of Education at Old Dominion University, Reggello, Italy, May 2008.
- **Play Therapy Techniques: Working with Difficult Children*. Two-day course presented in First Annual Summer Institute: Counseling At-Risk Clients. Sponsored by Pennsylvania State University, June 2008.
- * *Orientation to Play Therapy*. A half-day workshop at *A Counselor's Tour of Italy*. Sponsored by the Darden College of Education at Old Dominion University, Reggello, Italy, May 2009.
- **Play Therapy Techniques: Working with Difficult Children*. Two-day course presented in Second Annual Summer Institute: Counseling At-Risk Clients. Sponsored by Pennsylvania State University, June 2009.
- * *Principles of Play Therapy from a Choice Theory/Reality Therapy Perspective*. A one-day workshop presented for the Counselor Education Department at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CN, November 2009.
- * *Principles of Play Therapy from a Choice Theory/Reality Therapy Perspective*. A one-day workshop presented for the Counselor Education Department at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, January 2010.
- * *Principles of Play Therapy from a Choice Theory/Reality Therapy Perspective*. A one-day workshop presented for the Counselor Education Department at Holy Cross College in New Orleans, LA February, 2010.

- * *Principles of Play Therapy from a Choice Theory/Reality Therapy Perspective*. A one-day workshop presented for the *Big Splash Workshop Series*, Counselor Education Department at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, February, 2010.
- **Play in Family Therapy*, a two-day workshop presented for the Association per la Play Therapy di Italia, Rome, IT, May, 2010.
- **Orientation to Play Therapy*. A half-day workshop at *A Counselor's Tour of Italy*. Sponsored by the Darden College of Education at Old Dominion University, Regello, Italy, May 2010.
- **Play Therapy from a Choice Theory/Reality Therapy Perspective*. Two one-day workshops presented for the Counselor Education Department at Idaho State University, Pocatello and Boise, ID, June, 2010.
- **Play Therapy International Institute*, an eight-day workshop to be held in Tuscany, IT, Sponsored by the Counseling Graduate Programs at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA and Regis University, Denver, CO., Regello, Italy, March 3-12, 2011 (http://education.odu.edu/pcl/counselor/italy_play)
- **First International Clinical Psychology Conference*, Salina, Ecuador, South America, November 17-19, 2011. Accredited by Universidad San Francisco. Taught 12 contact hours related to play therapy. Attending workshops totaling 20 hours <http://www.usfq.edu.ec/eventos/psicologiaclinica/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>.
- **Play Therapy International Institute*, an eight-day workshop to be held in Tuscany, IT, Sponsored by the Counseling Graduate Programs at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA and Regis University, Denver, CO., Regello, Italy, March 8-16, 2012 (http://education.odu.edu/pcl/counselor/italy_play)
- **Integrating non-directive and directive play therapy techniques: From a Reality Therapy Perspective*. Eastern Tennessee State University. June 2012. Served as a guest lecturer providing a three-day workshop specific to play therapy.
- * *Integrating Play in Family Therapy*. A one-day workshop presented for the *Big Splash Workshop Series*, Counselor Education Department at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, September 8, 2012.
- **Play Therapy with children, adolescents, and families affected by abuse, trauma, and divorce*. Eastern Tennessee State University. Served as a guest lecturer providing a three-day workshop specific to play therapy. July 2013.
- **Sandplay Therapy*. Maria Droste Counseling Center (MDS), Denver, CO, Provided a 4-hour Training for therapists and interns employed at agency. October 2013.

**Play Therapy Course Work:* Counseling Department at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN. (2013-present). In collaboration with faculty at ETSU - provide 3-credit courses in Play Therapy for students and community clinicians interested in advanced training in Play Therapy.