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**Program Modification Form**

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

Adding a course to the Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy program.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2021

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

As the program has grown in student enrollment and interest, especially with non-community-based professionals. There is a desire to have set up to help students meet both educational and clinical requirements to obtain their Registered Play Therapist (RPT) credentials. Adding a clinical course to this program has been a part of the plan since the beginning. In addition, this will allow the program to align with the new requirements set by the Association for Play Therapy in obtaining the RPT credential.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
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**Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy**

 The certificate is for currently enrolled Clinical Mental Health Counseling students or individuals

who already hold a graduate degree in counseling or a closely related field. Specifically, the certificate

program allows individuals access to educational course work required by the Association for Play

Therapy to obtain the Registered Play Therapist (RPT) credential. As part of gaining the Registered

Play Therapist credential, licensed mental health professionals can also add a specialization license

available through the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling.

 To gain admission to this certificate program, all applicants should submit an application packet

to the Registrar’s Office. Applicants in Arkansas State University’s graduate degree programs noted

above must be a student in good standing with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, have successfully completed

COUN 6203 Prepracticum, COUN 6213 Counseling Practicum, and PSY 6113 Theories and Techniques

of Counseling with a course grade of “B” or better, and have a recommendation from their primary

academic advisor. Post graduate applicants must hold an earned master’s degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field from an accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point

average and a “B” or better in clinical courses. Post graduate applicants much submit three letters of

recommendation, a written statement describing their career goals and reason for entering the program,

curriculum vitae or resume, and official transcripts of all previous coursework.

 Students in this certificate program will complete a minimum of 12 hours from among required

courses. Hours completed in fulfillment of a prior degree cannot be counted toward certificate requirements.

**Play Therapy**

Graduate Certificate

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| **University Requirements:** |  |
| See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 38) |  |
| **Core Courses:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| COUN 6103, Introduction to Play Therapy | 3 |
| COUN 6143, Expressive Arts in Counseling | 3 |
| COUN 6153, Advanced Play Therapy | 3 |
| COUN 6163, Child-Parent Relationship Therapy | 3 |
| **Sub-total** | 12 |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **12** |

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 Students in this certificate program will complete a minimum of 15 hours from among required

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**Play Therapy**

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| COUN 6143, Expressive Arts in Counseling | 3 |
| COUN 6153, Advanced Play Therapy | 3 |
| COUN 6163, Child-Parent Relationship Therapy | 3 |
| COUN 6214 Practicum in Play Therapy | 3 |
| **Sub-total** | 15 |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **15** |