



AUSTRALASIA PACIFIC PLAY THERAPY ASSOCIATION

GUIDE: CREDENTIALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Purpose: APPTA has developed a set of guidelines and eligibility criteria for Play Therapy Membership in order to set practice standards that support the development of Play Therapy in Australian. Together with the development and provision of quality training, these standards protect the integrity of our work, providing the consumers with the option of making informed choices in mental health treatment of children, adolescents and adults, especially in the Play Therapy modality.

Application Criteria

#	Criteria	Registered Play Therapist –Supervisor Member	Registered Play Therapist Member	Associate / Provisional / Student Play Therapist Member	Affiliate Member	Organisational member
		Members are registered Play Therapists who have been educated or trained as a Play Therapist at post graduate level and who practice as a Play Therapist at an advanced level. They have also received specific training in supervision.	Members are registered Play Therapists who have been educated or trained as a Play Therapist at post graduate level and who have fulfilled all criteria to work as a Play Therapist.	Membership is for individuals who are either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working towards the Registered Play Therapist Member designation or 2. Are enrolled in an approved program of study at either an undergraduate or post-graduate level in Play Therapy that includes theoretical play therapy knowledge and Play Therapy Practice. 	This is a membership for people who are interested in supporting the development and advancement of Play Therapy in the Australasia Pacific region but do not have any play therapy skills. This is a non-voting membership category.	This is a membership for kindred organisations where clinical professional employees may use therapeutic play skills and would like to support the employees by offering training opportunities in play therapy. Organisational members receive discounts on APPTA training, courses and conferences for up to 5 employees at each occurrence. This is a non-voting membership category.

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1.	Education Play Therapy	Undergraduate degree in a health or allied health profession or early childhood education. and Postgraduate qualification in Play Therapy Minimum of 200 hours of theoretical training in Play Therapy specific modalities. Training should take place in minimum of 100 hrs continual course. Training should also include supervised practice and assessment	Undergraduate degree in a health or allied health profession or early childhood education. and Postgraduate qualification in Play Therapy Minimum of 200 hours of theoretical training in Play Therapy specific modalities. Training should take place in minimum of 100 hrs continual course. Training should also include supervised practice and assessment	Undergraduate degree in a health or allied health profession or early childhood education. and currently undergoing APPTA approved training in Play Therapy and/or completing APPTA requirements for Registered Play Therapist Member. Training should take place in minimum of 100 hrs continual course. Theoretical training should include knowledge and practical skills and assessment.	NA	NA
2.	Play Therapy Experience	A minimum of 500 supervised Play Therapy practice hours of which 300 hours over a period of 2 years past graduation.	A minimum of 200 supervised Play Therapy practice hours.	In the process of completing theoretical knowledge and skills and 200 supervised Play Therapy practice hours.	NA	NA

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3.	Play Therapy Supervision	<p>Received a minimum of 100 hours Play Therapy supervision by an APPTA Approved Play Therapist Supervisor. Supervisor can be registered with APPTA or other Play Therapy Association, eg APT, BAPT, PTI, other.</p> <p>Group supervision can be counted towards this requirement with 1.5 hours of group-supervision equalling 1 hour of supervision.</p>	<p>Received a minimum of 50 hours Play Therapy supervision by an APPTA approved Play Therapist Supervisor. Supervisor can be registered with APPTA or other Play Therapy Association, eg APT, BAPT, PTI, other</p> <p>Group supervision can be counted towards this requirement with 1.5 hours of group-supervision equalling 1 hour of supervision.</p>	<p>In the process of completing 50 hours Play Therapy supervision by an APPTA approved Play Therapist Supervisor. Supervisor can be registered with APPTA or other Play Therapy Association, eg APT, BAPT, PTI, other</p> <p>Recommendation: 1st Practice Year: 1 hour of supervision for every 2 client hours 2nd Practice Year: 1 hour of supervision for every 4 client hours</p>	NA	NA
4.	Personal therapy	<p>Minimum of 50 hours. This can be in any modality of choice. It is important that the personal therapy supports processing of unresolved issues, transference and countertransference issues. More information can be found in our statement with regards to personal therapy.</p>	<p>Minimum of 50 hours. This can be in any modality of choice. It is important that the personal therapy supports processing of unresolved issues, transference and countertransference issues. More information can be found in our statement with regards to personal therapy.</p>	<p>Currently enrolled in Personal Therapy. This can be in any modality of choice. It is important that the personal therapy supports processing of unresolved issues, transference and countertransference issues. More information can be found in our statement with regards to personal therapy.</p>	NA	NA
5.	Supervisor Training	<p>Minimum of 3 days supervision training.</p>	NA	NA	NA	NA
6.	Supervised Practice Hours	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Documentation required if applying for Registered Play Therapist Supervisor membership:

- 1 Completed and signed membership application form (online)
- 2 Certified copies of undergrad qualifications
- 3 Certified copies of Post Grad Play Therapy qualifications
- 4 Certified Copy of supervisor training
- 5 Statement of completed hours of Play Therapy supervision signed by RPT-S
- 6 Statement of completed supervision of supervision hours
- 7 Statement of completed Play Therapy Practice hours signed by Supervisor
- 8 Statement of completed hours of personal therapy signed by therapist/social worker/counsellor
- 9 A supervisor confirmation form completed and signed by your RPT-S (If Supervisor is not APPTA registered)
- 10 Signed and dated the membership declaration
- 11 WWCC/Police check

Documentation required if applying for Registered Play Therapist membership:

- 1 Completed and signed membership application form (online)
- 2 Certified copies of undergrad qualifications
- 3 Certified copies of Post Grad Play Therapy qualifications/training
- 4 Signed statement of completed hours of Play Therapy supervision signed by RPT-S
- 5 Signed statement of completed Play Therapy Practice hours signed by Supervisor
- 6 Signed statement of completed hours of personal therapy signed by therapist/social worker/counsellor
- 7 A supervisor confirmation form completed and signed by your RPT-S (If Supervisor is not APPTA registered)
- 8 Signed and dated membership declaration
- 9 WWCC/Police check

Documentation required if applying for Student membership:

1. Completed and signed membership application form
2. Copy of enrolment in Play Therapy Course
3. WWCC/Police check
4. Signed and dated membership declaration

Documentation required if applying for Affiliate member or organisational member:

1. Completed and signed membership application form (online).

Renewal Criteria

	Criteria	Registered Play Therapist /Supervisor Member	Registered Play Therapist Member.	Associate / Provisional / Student Play Therapist Member	Affiliate	Organisational
1.	Continuing professional development (CPD)	30 points through APPTA accredited training/ workshops/seminars.	25 points through APPTA accredited training/ workshops/seminars.	Completing Play Therapy course or Practice Hours and 10 points through APPTA accredited training	NA	NA
2.	Supervision	1. A minimum of 12 hours of supervision with an APPTA approved Supervisor for Play Therapy Practice	A minimum of 12 hours of supervision with an APPTA approved Play Therapy Supervisor.	Recommended: 1 st Practice Year: 1 hour of supervision for every 2 clients seen 2 nd Practice Year: 1 hour of supervision for every 4 clients seen By an APPTA approved Play Therapist Supervisor	NA	NA
3.	Play Therapy practice hours	45 Play Therapy Practice Hours	45 Play Therapy Practice Hours	Completing Supervised Practice Hours	NA	NA
4.	Personal Therapy	At discretion of Member	At discretion of Member	At discretion of Member	NA	NA

Documentation required:

1. CPD logbook, online
2. Copies of training/workshops, attached online
3. Signed Statements of required hours of supervision