



## Purple Stream: Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION

The **Rocky Mountain Play Therapy Institute (RMPTI)** serves as the international professional association for the field of Therapeutic Play Skills and the certification of **Therapeutic Play Practitioners (TPPs)**.

In accordance existing guidelines governing the training and certification of professionals in the field of Play Therapy / Therapeutic Play, a membership guideline was developed to ensure compliance with international standards in order to provide consistent, quality training and ongoing support to our TPP membership.

**Therapeutic Play Practitioners** must maintain status as a member in good standing with **RMPTI** and comply with the RMPTI Therapeutic Play Practitioner Competencies.

The **Canadian Association for Play Therapy (CAPT) Code of Ethics** provides valuable information/guidance pertaining to therapeutic play practice and professional standards of conduct. Failure to comply with the competencies and ethics stated herein may result in the cancelation of TPP certification status.

<b>Therapeutic Play Practitioner - Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills</b>		
<b>Entrance Prerequisites</b>	<b>Training Requirements</b>	<b>Membership Renewal</b>
<p><i>- Diploma/undergraduate degree in child and youth care, education, health care, or relevant/transferable foundational training</i></p>	<p><i>- Successful completion of the 47-Hour Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills Purple Stream – 6 Day Program including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Pre-Course Reading Assignment</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Workstation/Room Preparation</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Live Class Attendance</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Mastery Test</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Self-Assessment Assignment</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Annually:</i></p> <p><i>6 hours of continuing education (play based topics/modalities)</i></p> <p><i>6 hours of ongoing supervision (in therapeutic play skills)</i></p>
<p><i>- Demonstrated work experience in child health care or education; current access to clients/students/patients</i></p>		<p><i>Membership Renewal Fee: \$100 (valid for 2 years)</i></p>



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### BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR TRAINING: Education & Employment Requirements

Registrants must possess both education and experience working with children and/or populations for whom therapeutic play skills are applicable. (i.e., this program is not suited as a first step in training for those seeking to “change their career path.”)

Applicants should be working in a field where they have access to clients/students/patients in order to assess their own professional competencies as a **Therapeutic Play Practitioner**. Applicants to the TPP program require a minimum of a completed diploma/undergraduate degree in child and youth care, education, health care, or relevant/transferable foundational training and work experience in child care or education.

It is recommended that students have completed diploma/under-graduate coursework in the following areas:

- General Concepts/Principles of Child Development (biological, psychological, and social)
- Child and Adolescent Behavioural Disorders/Psychopathology
- General Concepts/Principles of Psychotherapy (individual, family, and group)

### TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: Completion of Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills (6 Days)

TPP applicants must have completed the 47 hour **Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills** course work specific to the certification. At this time, the program is only offered through RMPTI; transfer credits and equivalencies outside of RMPTI training will not be considered.

All of the training (100%) of the Therapeutic Play Skills Training can be completed via an online livestream platform. In-class training must be attended during the hours of scheduled delivery and all experiential exercises, readings, tests and assignments must be completed in order to obtain certification.

Once issued, your TPP certification is valid for two years but requires ongoing training and supervision in order to remain active/valid.



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### CERTIFICATION RENEWAL: TPP Requirements Once Certified

**Membership Renewal:** As with all professional memberships, you are required to maintain your TPP certification through ongoing professional training and supervision. Certificate renewal is \$100 CAD (plus applicable GST). The renewal of your certification number is valid for two years from date of issue.

**Continuing Education Credits:** TPPs are required to obtain 6 hours of continuing education every year in order to maintain certification with RMPTI. TPPs are not required to attend ongoing continuing education credits through RMPTI; however, this continuing education must be related to the theory and practice of therapeutic play skills. Suitable topics for ongoing/continuing education include: Expressive Arts (drama, art, or music therapy) training or workshops on special topics in therapeutic play or play therapy.

**Ongoing Supervision:** TPPs are required to obtain 6 hours of ongoing supervision in therapeutic play every year in order to maintain certification with RMPTI. These can be individual or group supervision hours. The supervision hours do not need to be collected through RMPTI; however, the supervision must be conducted by a CPT-S or RPT-S.

RMPTI will provide ongoing support to TPPs with their practice by offering supervision sessions done through a secure on-line platform. These sessions include thorough feedback and guidance on the most effective delivery of therapeutic play. The supervisor will record proof of these sessions and will submit a document stating the above being met and completed so you will have documentation of compliance and ongoing training/supervision.

It is recommended that you attend 6 hours of training and 6 hours of supervision per year; however, as your renewal period is for two years, you may collect all 12 hours of training and 12 hours of supervision within a single calendar year in order to renew/maintain your certification and membership as a TPP.