



**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, HEALTH, SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

## Master of Play Therapy - SPLAT

### CONTINUE HIGHER PLAY THERAPY STUDIES AT CDU

- We are ranked in the world's top 2% universities and the top 100 universities under 50 years old (Times Higher Education)
- Scholarships are available
- Students can establish and develop industry links through professional placements in the region they are undertaking study.

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Play Therapy is a counselling method for children that uses toys and playing to prevent or resolve psychological or social difficulties. Play Therapy is the most developmentally-relevant form of therapeutic intervention for children because it utilises a child's natural way of expression, play! This course is suitable for graduates who work in the field of education, teaching, health, medicine, nursing, allied health, psychology, child care or social work.

Graduates of this course will gain specialist, comprehensive knowledge within the field of play therapy; whilst being able to demonstrate mastery of the underlying theories, principles, and concepts in the therapeutic uses of play, including advanced knowledge of child development, therapeutic parenting, neurobiology, child psychopathology and childhood trauma. Students will acquire skills to be able to evaluate relevant complexities related to Play Therapy in a social, cultural, familial, environmental, legal and ethical framework.

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates will be eligible for professional registration with the Australasia Pacific Play Therapy Association, meeting the competent requirements for Level 3 Registered Play Therapist membership, meaning they can work independently as a Play Therapist and use this title along with their existing title.

### Course Summary

SATAC COURSE CODE

**1CM063/1CM563**

CAMPUS

CASUARINA

MODE

EXTERNAL

DURATION

4 YEARS PART-TIME

SEMESTER INTAKE

S1, S2 & SS

For more information and details on how to apply

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### **COURSE STRUCTURE**

The course will be offered from 2016 in external mode with compulsory intensive blocks on Casuarina campus at Darwin. Students will be able to complete the course in four years of part-time study. Should the student not complete the qualification, there are two alternative exit awards; Graduate Certificate after 6 months (completion of the first four core units) and the Graduate Diploma of Play Therapy after one year (completion of the first five core units plus three special elective units).

The Master of Play Therapy is comprised of formal study, including intensive block study complimented by clinical practice, supervision and a research component.

### **COURSE UNITS**

FUN501 Foundations of Play Therapy  
FUN502 Introduction into Child Centred Play Therapy  
FUN503 Medical and Directive Play Therapy  
FUN504 Fundamentals of Childhood Trauma  
FUN505 Therapeutic Parenting and Filial Therapy  
FUN506 Play Therapy Practice Repeatable  
(2 x Placements)  
PSY510 Thesis 1  
PSY610 Thesis 2  
PSY620 Thesis 3 (20cp)  
Plus 5 special electives

### **APPLICATION CRITERIA**

Applicants must have a successfully completed a recognised Bachelor degree or equivalent in the fields of education, teaching, health, medicine, nursing, allied health, psychology, child care or social work.

A clear Police Check and/or Working with Children Clearance Notice is required by students before they can enrol in this course. Students whose Police Check and/or Working with Children Clearance Notice are not cleared will not be able to complete the requirements of the course.

Applicants who have met the academic threshold will be contacted by CDU to attend an interview. The interview may be held in person or by Skype.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

An application for the Master of Play Therapy must be submitted through SATAC at [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au). An application interview with a selection panel will be arranged after your application is received by SATAC.

### **CONTACT**

For further information about the course, enrolment procedures, closing dates and other administrative issues please contact Student Central on:  
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