



EDUA 6347—INTRODUCTION TO PLAY THERAPY

School Counselors

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CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION: Play Therapy explores basic theories, history, and techniques of play therapy. This course includes an overview of essential elements and principles of play therapy, including the history of play therapy, theories of play therapy, techniques of play therapy, modalities of play therapy, and applications.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Landry, G.L. (2012). *Play therapy: The art of the relationship* (3rd ed.). Routledge. ISBN: 978-0415886819 (hardback)

TEXES STANDARDS:

TEXES standards addressed in this course are:

Standard I. Learner-Centered Knowledge: The certified school counselor has a broad knowledge base.

Standard	Description	Assignment	Assessment	SLO
I. (10)	The characteristics and educational needs of special populations	Textbook reading Chapter 16	Chapter 16 Quiz	SLO 1
		Textbook reading Chapter 17	Chapter 17 Quiz	SLO 1
		Chapters 16-17 reading	Discussion Board “Special Populations” post response (Important	SLO 1

			Information forum)	
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TEXES COMPETENCIES:

Student knowledge and application of the four domains and 10 competencies are required for students to successfully pass the TExES. In other words, the domains and competencies are test specific and will be addressed when students take the following test. In order to help students with this task, all school counseling students are required to spend six hours in the Certify Teacher school counseling practice test site. A minimum score of 85% must be made on each of the 10 competencies tested before Sul Ross State University can submit approval for the student to take the TExES.

TExES competencies addressed in this course are:

DOMAIN I—KNOWLEDGE OF LEARNERS

Competency 001 (Human Development and Learning): Understand theories and processes of human development and learning as well as factors that influence development and learning.

Competency 002 (Diversity and Cultural Competence): Understand diversity issues and cultural competencies related to school counseling and environments that promote respect and affirmation for all students.

DOMAIN II—THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Competency 004 (Responsive Services): Understand techniques for designing supports and interventions to address the needs, concerns, and challenges affecting students' continued educational, career, personal, and social development.

Domain Competency	Description	Assignment	Assessment	SLO
I. 001. D	Apply knowledge of variables that may influence a student's development, learning, and behavior (e.g., environment, health, socioeconomic circumstances, disability, life experiences, language fluency, stress, trauma, individual learning style, culture, gender identity, ethnicity, race, geopolitical factors).	Assigned textbook reading; Chapter 14 Quiz "Children in Play Therapy"; discussion board; Video Assignments; Final Exam Paper	Certify Teacher	SLO 1
I. 002. A	Demonstrate knowledge of ways in which diverse characteristics (e.g., race, culture, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, socioeconomic status, linguistic diversity, immigration status, exceptionality, learning styles, physical or cognitive abilities) may affect the manifestation of strengths and difficulties in the educational, career, personal, and social areas.	Assigned textbook reading; Chapter 14 Quiz "Children in Play Therapy"; discussion board; Video Assignments; Chapter 16 Quiz "Intensive and Short-Term Play Therapy; Chapter	Certify Teacher	SLO 1

		17 Quiz “Research in Play Therapy;” Final Exam Paper; “Special Populations” Discussion Board post		
II. 004. D	Apply knowledge of individual and group counseling theories and evidence-based practices, techniques, and skills associated with specific counseling approaches.	Assigned textbook reading; Chapter 5 “Child-Centered Play Therapy,” Chapter 8 “The Playroom and Materials,” Chapter 9 “Beginning the Relationship: The Child’s Time,” Chapter 10 “Characteristics of Facilitative Responses” and Quizzes; Video Assignments; Discussion Board; CD-ROM assignment	Certify Teacher	SLO 1; SLO 3

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

In this course, students will be able to identify and define basic terminology and concepts related to play therapy principles, techniques, and theories; demonstrate an understanding of the historical, practical/clinical, and theoretical bases underlying the play therapy process; identify developmentally appropriate play therapy toys and materials that can be incorporated into play therapy for the purposes of both assessment and treatment; demonstrate a working knowledge of a variety of play therapy strategies and applications; evaluate a client’s presenting clinical problem(s) developmentally and theoretically and conceptualize an appropriate treatment approach in play therapy; demonstrate an understanding of legal and ethical issues unique to play therapy and those shared with other modalities (i.e., documentation, competence, informed consent, confidentiality, boundaries, duty to warn and protect, and use of touch).

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate their ability to apply within guidance and counseling, their knowledge of human development, diversity, and factors that affect client’s ability to achieve their potential.
2. Demonstrate their ability to plan, implement, and evaluate a developmental counseling

program, this program will incorporate assessment, as well as individual and group counseling services utilizing appropriate theoretical frameworks, techniques, and interventions to address personal, interpersonal/social, and educational needs.

3. Demonstrate the ability to communicate and collaborate effectively with others in diverse settings, including the community in order to facilitate client success, and will demonstrate the ability to apply ethical, legal, and professional standards.

COUNSELOR EDUCATION MARKETABLE SKILLS:

1. Graduates will demonstrate oral and written communication skills to apply in careers related to mental and behavioral health, including school counseling.
2. Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of ethics, social justice issues, and multicultural concerns to apply in careers related to mental and behavioral health, including school counseling.
3. Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of human growth and development throughout the lifespan to apply in careers related to mental and behavioral health, including school counseling.

DISTANT LEARNING STATEMENT:

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Students in this class are required to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be timely, prepared, and focused. Meaningful, respectful, and pertinent online participation is also expected.

Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: submitting work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation.

SAFE ASSIGN:

The Safe Assignment Tool is an advanced plagiarism prevention system deeply integrated with the Blackboard Learning Management System. SafeAssignment compares student papers submitted to Blackboard against an enormous range of sources and provides instructors with detailed Originality Reports. Because of SafeAssignment's flexibility, this product is an effective plagiarism prevention system that helps instructors to raise student awareness about plagiarism and to educate students about the ways to avoid plagiarism. You can check your similarity

report and make corrections if needed. With your similarity report, you will note highlighted areas that have similarity noted between your paper and another source. You will click on the tab within the colored square to see the percentage of the similarity. Percentages above 10% must be corrected. It does not matter if the source that is being noted for similarity is not the same source that you used. The system is telling you what you have written is too similar to another source and you need to make corrections. You may need to change up some of the wording or order of information to make it your information. More than three or four words in a row that are identical to the originating author can be detected. You can submit your paper as many times as you would like. This system is designed to assist students with increasing awareness of plagiarism. Typically, plagiarism is an accidental occurrence and occurs when students do not realize their writing is overly similar to another source.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

SRSU DISABILITY SERVICES:

The University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Disability Services Coordinator in Counseling and Student Support Services has the responsibility to ensure that students with disabilities have the opportunity for full participation in programs, services, and activities. Students seeking disability services need to contact the Disability Services Coordinator, Mary Schwartz Grisham, located in Ferguson Hall, room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-171, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX 79832. Telephone: 432-837-8203; Fax: 432-837-8724.

PARTICIPATION POLICY: Since EDUA 6347 is an online course, participation will be evaluated in Blackboard online discussions. It is the student's responsibility to check the Discussion Board and Sul Ross email DAILY for the duration of the course. For you to remain enrolled in ED 6347, you must reply to the Blackboard Discussion Board "Online Participation Policy" forum by the deadline posted on the Due Dates listing contained in this syllabus. It is policy at Sul Ross State University that if a student is enrolled in an online course **and fails to stay active for one week** during a summer term, fails to submit assignments, and/or does not reply to emails from the instructor, **he/she will receive a final grade of "F."** You may access the "**Online Participation Policy**" forum by entering Blackboard, then selecting Discussion Board. Please follow the directions regarding your required response.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

You are expected to participate in the online activities and discussions. **NOTE: This course has very heavy use of the discussion board!** You will be expected to participate through initial posts and responses to other students and your instructor. You are required to check daily both your Sul Ross email and the "Important Information from Dr. Hayes" Discussion Board forum, and to promptly reply.

You are free to work at your convenience as long as you meet the assignment deadlines. **No late assignments will be accepted.** You are encouraged to work ahead. Your final course grade will be affected by the quality of your participation. Your postings and responses on the Discussion Board should give evidence that you have completed the assigned readings and viewing of the required videos. Your written communication should reflect professional courtesy toward the instructor and fellow students.

Assignment Descriptions:

Many of your assignments will utilize the Discussion Board; on it, you will have 10 Video Assignments and 5 Art Assignments (see the Discussion Board on Blackboard for details).

You will take 17 Chapter Quizzes (click on the “Chapter QUIZZES” button on Blackboard to view details for each quiz).

You will create a Final Exam Paper. You must begin this paper **at the start of the semester**, as you watch the DB #1 Video/DVD (there is a section of your Final Exam Paper that addresses the Video/DVD), and there are sections of the paper that relate to specific chapters in your textbook. See below for complete instructions and details about the Final Exam Paper. You will find instructions about the organization of the paper, required headings, etc. **Note: You will be required to engage in play with a child for 20 minutes in a specific manner in order to write one of the sections of the Final Exam Paper.** There is also a section of the paper that requires you to locate a peer-reviewed professional journal article and write about it. (Note the due date for submitting your selection of article to me for approval.)

You will find examples of APA style for citations and reference entries on Blackboard via the “APA Style Examples” link. Refer to those examples as you write your Discussion Board posts and as you write your Final Exam Paper. You will be expected to demonstrate correct APA style, as it is standard in graduate school-level writing.

Writing Style. Papers must be typed using 1-inch margins, 12-point Times Roman type, and double-spaced. Do not number the title page. Do not retype the questions; simply write well-developed paragraphs. Edit for spelling and grammar, and for clarity and logic of idea development. (I **strongly** encourage you to have someone else proofread your work.) **Include citations and a reference page utilizing correct APA style.** **NOTE: Your writing reflects your professionalism. Papers with multiple errors in any of the above areas will receive a reduction in grade.**

Final Exam (Paper)

Students, your Final Exam in this course will reflect the assimilation of your knowledge based on your reading the textbook and viewing the DB #1 Video/DVD, as well as examining a peer-reviewed journal article. (Details below) **Note: You must engage in play with a child to complete one section.**

The best way to approach this assignment, particularly since we are in a summer semester, is to **work on this paper as you proceed through your textbook reading**. If you do so, the end of the semester will be much less stressful, and the quality of your paper may be much higher. If you wait until the end of the semester to begin writing, your chances of presenting a document of quality are very poor.

I have provided **headings** for your paper below. Use those headings in your paper and underline them. Beneath each heading, you will write in complete paragraphs to answer the questions. **Do not write the questions!**

In each section (under each heading), you are required to make a **citation** to your textbook or the DB #1 Video/DVD. Make direct quotations using correct APA style, or you may make appropriate paraphrases using APA style. *I have provided you with APA examples of citations on Blackboard via the “APA Style Examples” link!*

Also include a **References** page at the end of your paper. You are required to have **three references**. One is your text; one is the DB #1 Video/DVD, and the third is a professional journal article of your choice.

You must have a cover sheet with your name, course number and title, semester, date, and instructor's name. **The body** of your paper should be a **minimum of eight pages, not including the cover sheet and References page**. With the cover sheet and References sheet, the **minimum total amount of pages will be 10 pages**. If you fail to meet the minimum required number of pages, points will be deducted, and you risk receiving a failing grade on this assignment. Double-space the entire document (*do not add additional space between paragraphs*). On your Home tab at the top of your document, select Paragraph, and click on "Don't add space between paragraphs of the same style." Number the pages, beginning with the first page of the body (APA says that page numbers are on the upper right-hand side).

Organization of Your Final Exam Paper:

Cover Sheet (include your name, course number/title, semester, date, and instructor's name)

First page of body: Provide a brief but well-developed introductory paragraph. In that paragraph, introduce the topic of play therapy and describe this process. Include a citation from your textbook. Then begin the headings/sections on that same page as follows (write the underlined heading exactly as shown below, double space, and then write your paragraphs for the heading. Repeat the process for each heading/section):

Interactions with Child and Parent

In this section, in well-developed paragraphs, address how you anticipate interacting with the child client and with his/her parents. What are a few things that are "take-aways" for you from **Chapters 8 and 9**? How would you greet the parents and the child? How would you invite a child to the play room? Make a citation from your text. Reminder: Do not write the questions.

Setting Limits

In this section, in well-developed paragraphs, address how you anticipate setting limits with the child in play therapy. What are a few things your text says about this in **Chapter 11**, including the rationales for limit-setting? Make a citation. What are the challenges that you, personally, may have in setting limits in child therapy? How might you react to a child who is testing the limits? What might your response be to a child who chooses to remain completely silent during a play therapy session? Reminder: Do not write the questions.

Typical Problems

What are some typical problems that can occur in the course of play therapy? What are a few things your text says about this in **Chapter 12**? Write well-developed paragraphs, and make a citation. How can you see yourself dealing with these types of problems? Which ones would be the most challenging? Which ones would be easiest for you to address? Reminder: Do not write the questions.

Informed Consent

What does your text say about important elements that should be included in informed consent (**Chapter 13**)? Make a citation. How do you address the balance of confidentiality with the

child, with the parents' right to know what is happening in therapy? How can trust be maintained?

Facilitative Responses

What are some things your text states, in **Chapter 14**, about the characteristics of facilitative responses? Make a citation. Engage in *non-directive* play with a child for 20 minutes. Use non-evaluative, facilitative responses. Then, write several well-developed paragraphs answering the following: What was the age/gender of the child with whom you played? What is your relationship to the child (relative, friend's child, etc.)? How easy or how difficult was it for you to refrain from evaluative responses or from praising the child? Why? Were you able to offer a neutral stance with simple tracking responses? If not, what happened? Did you learn anything about the child by utilizing facilitative responses? What? How effective do you believe this non-evaluative approach might be with a child in play therapy?

Termination

What are some things your text states, in **Chapter 15**, about an effective approach to termination? Make a citation. How would you handle an abrupt termination, in which the parent stopped bringing the child without closure? What effects do you think that could have on the child? (In other words, what are the risks of a child not attending a final session?) What are the possible benefits of a child attending a final session? How will you respond if a parent stops bringing their child to play therapy because, they state, they can no longer afford to pay for play therapy sessions? How will you know when you have had a successful termination?

Intensive Play Therapy

How does your text, in **Chapter 16**, describe intensive play therapy? For what situations might it be appropriate? Make a citation. Describe a case scenario in which you might utilize intensive play therapy. With what age/stage of child? What type of presenting problem? In what setting? How often and for how long could you anticipate working with the child?

Video/DVD with Garry Landreth

As you viewed the DB #1 Video/**DVD** with Garry Landreth as he worked with the little girl, were there things that were frustrating to watch? Why? What things do you think he did very well? Why? What specific approaches stood out with you in that session? In what ways do you think the child benefitted from play therapy? Did anything amaze or surprise you? If you haven't already addressed this, how did you react when Landreth declined to help the child accomplish a task? Write several well-developed paragraphs, and make a **citation** for both your textbook and the DB #1 **Video/DVD**.

Self-Assessment

In well-developed paragraphs, address the following:

- Is play therapy what you expected? How so?
- What is interesting to you about play therapy?
- What do you believe about children?
- What do you anticipate to be your greatest personal challenge as you facilitate play therapy?
- What do you feel is your greatest gift you bring to working with children in play therapy?
- What might be the greatest reward to you as you provide play therapy with children?

- What do you believe is the key to becoming a successful play therapist?
- What did you learn about yourself by completing the assignments, watching the YouTube videos and Landreth Video/DVD, and interacting with your classmates on the discussion board?

Research

In this section, you will locate a **peer-reviewed, professional journal article** that has not been addressed in your textbook. You can search in the Sul Ross Library or in any of the online databases, such as PsycINFO, etc. Select an approach in play therapy that particularly appeals to you. It might be using sand tray, using puppets, toys, or using artistic media such as clay, playdough, paints, crayons, etc. Search for a professional journal article that addresses the use of that particular approach in play therapy. In several well-developed paragraphs (be sure to create **citations** for the article), answer the following: What does the article say about that approach? Does this article examine research of that method? If so, is it a qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-method study? What was the outcome? How can you use the information contained in this article in your work in play therapy? ***You must email your selection of journal article for approval to your instructor by the date listed in the syllabus.***

Conclusion

Write a brief concluding, well-developed paragraph briefly summarizing your paper. This only needs to be a few sentences, but it is always important to have a conclusion. No citation is necessary, but it is perfectly fine to include citations or quotations if you wish.

References

On a separate page, create your references list. The word **References** should be centered at the top of your page. Then, in reverse/hanging indentation (in which the first line is against the left-hand margin, and subsequent lines for that particular reference entry are indented with the tab key), type the first reference entry. Type the second and third reference entries also using reverse indentation. Examples can be found in the APA Manual and on Blackboard via the “APA Style Examples” link. You will have a minimum of **three reference entries**. If you want to use more references, you are welcome to do so but be sure you have read/viewed each of them in the original. In other words, don’t reference a source that you just read in your textbook. You have to read that source on its own in order to include it in your References list. *Hint: I have provided the correct APA form for Reference entries for both the textbook and the DVD on Blackboard via the “APA Style Examples” link! If you type them exactly the way they appear there, you’ll have them correct! For citations and for reference entries for the journal article, you’ll also see exactly how to format them.*

Attach your paper to the Final Exam-Paper link via the Final Exam button on Blackboard, prior to the deadline. **No late papers will be accepted.** This assignment comprises ¼ of your total course grade, so it is very important.

EVALUATION/GRADING POLICY:

Your grade for this course will be determined by evidence of the **quality** of your learning as demonstrated by your performance in the following:

Chapter Quizzes (17 quizzes, varied point values)	30%
Video Assignments Discussion Board Postings (10 @ 30 pts)	30%

Art Assignments Discussion Board Postings (5 @ 30 points)	15%
Final Exam (Paper)	25%

Course Grade:	A	B	C	F
	90% - 100%	81% - 89%	70% - 79%	Below 70%

NOTE: Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain in good standing.

LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS

Note: This course is delivered entirely online. Therefore, all lectures will be posted and available to students from the beginning of the semester, and discussion will occur in forums on Blackboard at the designated times in this syllabus. A Questions & Concerns forum will remain active throughout the course.

Lectures and discussions will include the following topics: the meaning of play, history and development of play therapy, a view of children, child-centered play therapy, the play therapist, the play room and materials, the parents' part in the process, beginning the relationship, characteristics of facilitative responses, therapeutic limit setting, typical problems in play therapy, issues in play therapy, intensive and short-term play therapy, termination of play therapy, special populations in play therapy, and research in play therapy.

SCHEDULE/DUE DATES:

Complete all assignments prior to the deadlines listed as follows. Deadlines are **no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time (CT)** on the date indicated. **You are encouraged to work ahead and submit early.** You are encouraged to begin your Final Exam Paper at the beginning of the semester as you watch the assigned DVD and read your chapters. Do not wait until the end of the semester to write the Final Exam Paper! Take the chapter quizzes after reading the indicated chapters. These are the due dates. **No late assignments will be accepted.**

July 7	First day of class; semester begins
July 10	<p>“Online Participation Policy” posting due on the Discussion Board.</p> <p>“Confidentiality Agreement” sign and submit in “Start Here”</p> <p>“Introduce Yourself” posting on the Discussion Board is due. <i>Make sure to provide a telephone number at which you can be reached. This is an extremely fast-paced course, and if there is a problem with one of your documents on Blackboard, Dr. Hayes may need to get in touch with you so that it can be resolved quickly.</i></p>
July 11	<p>Watch the Discussion Board Video #1 (50 minutes) (Child Centered Play Therapy: A Clinical Session). Access this video in Module One.</p> <p>Note: It would be a very good idea for you to begin the <i>Video/DVD with Garry Landreth</i> Section of your Final Exam Paper now!</p>
July 12	<p>Chapter 1 Quiz (About Me, Garry Landreth) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central Time</p> <p>#1 Video Assignment post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.</p>

- July 13 **Chapter 2 Quiz** (The Meaning of Play) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central Time
Response posted to at least one other student on the #1 Video Assignment forum
- July 14 **Chapter 3 Quiz** (History and Development of Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.
- July 15 **#2 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 16 **Chapter 4 Quiz** (A View of Children) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the #2 Video Assignment forum
- July 17 **#3 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 18 **Chapter 5 Quiz** (Child Centered Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.
Response posted to at least one other student on the #3 Video Assignment forum
- July 19 **#4 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 20 **Chapter 6 Quiz** (The Play Therapist) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.
Response posted to at least one other student on the #4 Video Assignment forum .
- July 21 **#5 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 22 **Chapter 7 Quiz** (Parents as Partners in Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.
Response posted to at least one other student on the #5 Video Assignment forum
- July 23 **#6 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 24 **Chapter 8 Quiz** (The Playroom and Materials) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.
Response posted to at least one other student on the #6 Video Assignment forum
- July 25 **#7 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 26 **Chapter 9 Quiz** (Beginning the Relationship: The Child's Time) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT

- Response** posted to at least one other student on the #7 Video Assignment forum
- July 27 **#8 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- July 28 **Chapter 10 Quiz** (Characteristics of Facilitative Responses) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the #8 Video Assignment forum
- July 29 **#9 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m. CT
- July 30 **Chapter 11 Quiz** (Therapeutic Limit Setting) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the #9 Video Assignment forum
- Deadline for emailing your selection of a peer-reviewed professional journal article for the Research section of the Final Exam Paper. Email the instructor with the name of the journal in which the article is located, the date of the journal, the name of the article, and the pages on which the article can be found. Also include how you found the article (for example, database search on PsycInfo, ProQuest, or searching the actual hard copy of the journal in the library, etc.).
- July 31 **#10 Video Assignment** post must be made on Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m.
- August 1 **Chapter 12 Quiz** (Typical Problems in Play Therapy and What to Do if...) must be submitted by midnight Central Tim by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the #10 Video Assignment forum
Art Assignment (A) due on the Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m. CT
- August 2 **Chapter 13 Quiz** (Issues in Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Art Assignment (B) due on the Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the Art Assignment (A) forum
- August 3 **Chapter 14 Quiz** (Children in Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Art Assignment (C) due on the Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the Art Assignment (B) forum
- August 4 **Chapter 15 Quiz** (Determining Therapeutic Process & Termination) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Art Assignment (D) due on the Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the Art Assignment (C) forum

- August 5 **Chapter 16 Quiz** (Intensive & Short Term Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Art Assignment (E) due on the Discussion Board by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the Art Assignment (D) forum due.
- August 6 **Chapter 17 Quiz** (Research in Play Therapy) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT
Response posted to at least one other student on the Art Assignment (E) forum
- August 7 Make a two-paragraph reply to the “**Special Populations**” post on the Discussion Board forum.
- August 8 **Final Exam-Paper due** - submitted on Blackboard by 11:59 p.m. Central Time (covers assigned textbook readings, assigned Video/DVD, research of a peer-reviewed professional journal article, and non-directive play with a child). See details in this syllabus and on Final Exam button on Blackboard.
- August 13 Semester ends.

WRITING RUBRIC FOR ALL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Sub-skill	Beginning 1	Basic 2	Proficient 3	Advanced 4	Exceptional 5	Score
Integration of Knowledge	The paper did not incorporate knowledge from the literature or class in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper somewhat incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper effectively incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper very effectively incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	
Organization and Presentation	The paper lacked topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper occasionally included topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper consistently included topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper consistently and effectively employed topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a	The paper uniformly and very effectively employed topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a	

Sub-skill	Beginning 1	Basic 2	Proficient 3	Advanced 4	Exceptional 5	Score
				seamless flow	seamless flow	
Focus	The paper's topic lacked focus and a clear direction	The paper's topic had occasional focus, direction, and purpose	The paper's topic had focus and clarity of direction and purpose	The paper's topic had effective focus and clarity of direction and purpose	The paper's topic had very effective focus and clarity of direction and purpose	
Level of Coverage	The paper lacked depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper occasionally included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper effectively included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper very effectively included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	
Grammar/ Spelling	The paper contained numerous errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained some errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained very few errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained only one or two errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained no errors of grammar and spelling	
References and Sources	The paper did not include content from peer reviewed journal articles and/or scholarly books/book chapters and instead cited web site material of questionable veracity	The paper included content from a few peer reviewed journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and instead included material from web sites of questionable credibility	The paper included content from peer reviewed journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	The paper effectively included content from peer reviewed journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	The paper very effectively included content from peer reviewed journal articles or scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	
APA Style	The paper did not use APA style	The paper was partly based on APA style	The paper was mostly based on APA style	The paper was based on APA style with only a few exceptions	The paper was completely and accurately based on APA style	
Total Score						

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	1	2	3	4	5	
Mean Score						

Comments: _____

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