



CREDENTIALING GUIDE
FOR BC REGISTERED PLAY THERAPIST (BCRPT) &
BC REGISTERED PLAY THERAPIST SUPERVISOR (BCRPT-S)

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CRITERIA FOR BCRPT & BCRPT-S

Primary Registration

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant must show that s/he is a member in good standing with a College or a BCPTA approved registering body. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Clinical Counsellor, Registered Social Worker, or Registered Psychologist 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCRPT is a secondary designation only effective when the applicant holds a primary registration renewed annually. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCRPT-S is a secondary designation only effective when the applicant holds a primary registration renewed annually.

Education

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's or higher mental health or medical degree, including a supervised practicum. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated coursework in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child development Theories of personality Principles of psychotherapy Child & adolescent psychopathology Ethics 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have BCRPT, RPT or CPT before applying for BCRPT-S

Play Therapy Training

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 180 CE hours of play therapy specific instruction from institutions of higher education or BCPTA-approved providers in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play Therapy History Play Therapy Theories Play Therapy Techniques or Methods Play Therapy Applications Play Therapy Research 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant is required to choose 2 workshops and write a reflection paper for each one (= 2 papers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See REFLECTION PAPER CRITERIA. 	N/A

Supervisor Training

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a minimum of 12 hours of supervisor training • This training can relate to the general practice of providing effective/ethical clinical supervision • A minimum of 2 of these supervisor training hours must be on the provision of Play Therapy-specific supervision.

Clinical Experience

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must complete 2000 direct hours of supervised general clinical practice • No more than 1000 hours of the above may be acquired prior to a Master's or Medical degree. • At least 500 of these hours must be supervised practice specific to play therapy and these 500 hours must be completed AFTER the applicant has graduated with a Master's or Medical degree. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A minimum of 200 hours need to be supervised by a Play Therapy Credentialed Supervisor (BCRPT-S, RPT-S, CPT-S) ○ Up to 300 of these hours may be supervised by a non-credentialed supervisor. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plus an additional 2 years (2000 hours) of clinical experience after obtaining BCRPT, including experience as a supervisor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to have provided 40 hours of supervision.

Supervision of Play Therapy

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have 50 hours of play therapy specific supervision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A minimum of 10 hours need to be direct supervision one on one (=direct observation or videotape) by a credentialed supervisor. ○ Up to 20 hours can be group supervision run by a credentialed supervisor with the group being no larger than 6. ○ A minimum of 10 hours of supervision must be by the same credentialed supervisor. ○ Up to 30 hours of supervision can be provided by an un-credentialed supervisor. 	N/A

Supervision of Supervision

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 hours of direct supervision of supervision (in session or video tapes) by a credentialed supervisor • This supervision may include a combination of individual or group supervision (2-6 individuals in a group) and must be conducted by a credentialed supervisor.

Submission of Essay

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must submit a 750–1000 word essay detailing how your theoretical orientation informs your approach in a specific case example. Please ensure client confidentiality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must submit a 750–1000 word essay detailing how your supervision model informs your approach to supervision in a specific case example. Please ensure supervisee and client confidentiality.

References

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 2 reference forms are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the applicant had a single credentialed supervisor for all 50 supervision hours, only 1 reference form is needed. ○ If the applicant had more than one supervisor, a minimum of 1 reference form is needed from the credentialed supervisor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 reference forms are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One reference form from the on-site supervisor who provided supervision for applicant's clinical practice of play therapy ○ One reference form from the credentialed supervisor who provided the supervision of supervision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The referee fills in the reference form and mails it in. Reference forms are not to be returned in the applicant's package. 	

BCPTA Membership

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a member-in-good-standing with BCPTA.

Renewal Criteria (3-year cycle)

BCRPT	BCRPT-S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 hours of play therapy-specific continuing education as a learner or an instructor/presenter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authoring a play therapy publication will be considered for up to 12 of the 30 hours. Contact the committee for details. • For each of those 3 years, the applicant must show proof of having been a member in good standing of a College or BCPTA-approved registering body. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 hours of supervisor training as a learner or instructor.

TERMINOLOGY

1. **BCPTA** refers to the British Columbia Play Therapy Association, a professional non-profit society in the province of British Columbia.
2. **BCPTA-Approved Providers** refers to those individuals, organizations, and businesses that are listed below:
 - a. Any provider that has been approved as a provider for the Association for Play Therapy (APT)
 - b. Any provider that has been approved as a provider for the Canadian Association of Child Play Therapists (CACPT).
3. **CE** is the acronym for “continuing education” (hours earned at conferences, workshops, and other forums.) This refers to continuing education where “students enjoy in-person or distance interaction with a live instructor in real time”.
4. **Supervision** is when you meet face-to-face, over the phone or via Skype with your supervisor to discuss your play therapy cases.
5. **Direct Supervision** is when the supervisor either directly observes you in session or views videotape of your sessions.
6. **Individual Supervision** involves one supervisor and one supervisee.
7. **Group Supervision** consists of one supervisor and at least two but not more than 6 supervisees.
8. **Supervisors** have minimum of a Master’s degree in Counselling Psychology, Social Work or a related field. They are clinical mental health professionals eligible to supervise and are expected to abide by the ethics and stands of their regulatory body.
9. **Credentialed Supervisor** has certification as BCRPT-S, CPT-S or RPT-S.
10. **Un-credentialed Supervisor** is a supervisor who is practicing in the field of Play Therapy
11. **Institutions** refer to colleges and universities.
12. **Member** refers to a current member of the British Columbia Play Therapy Association.
13. **BCRPT** stands for BC Registered Play Therapist.
14. **BCRPT-S** stands for BC Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

REFLECTION PAPER CRITERIA

A 750-word document containing the following information:

- A brief summary of the workshop content
- 3 things that the presenter explained that resonated with the participant
- How the participant intends to apply those 3 things in their own work in a clinical setting
- One thing that the presenter discussed that the participant disagreed with, had reservations about, or would only apply in limited circumstances. Please give details.

FEE TABLE

	BCRPT	BCRPT-S
Application Fee	\$150	\$175
Annual Credentialing Fee	\$75	\$100

MISCELLANEOUS & CONTACT INFORMATION

The BCPTA believes that the general public is well-served by play therapy-trained mental health professionals. Accordingly, BCPTA welcomes applications from eligible mental health professionals. In addition, BCPTA welcomes mental health professionals holding the RPT /RPT-S, and CPT/CPT-S credentials.

If, after reviewing the BCRPT and BCRPT-S Guide, you continue to have questions, please feel free to contact us at **certification@bcplaytherapy.ca**.

