



Synergetic Play Therapy Institute® Externship Consultant Training Program

The Synergetic Play Therapy Institute® Externship Consultant Training Program is designed to offer a clinically-rich learning environment as well as introduce potential Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy Consultants to SPTI programming. In the externship, consultants have an opportunity to learn while getting a preview of the Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy Consultant experience before making a full commitment. SPTI Externs will be supported in deepening their SPT consultation skills, especially centered on facilitating group consultation at the Intro to Synergetic Play Therapy® level. As Externs move through the program, they will also receive orientation to the Synergetic Play Therapy Institute's® values-driven systems and protocols. In addition, Externs can earn 19 CE credits by participating in and successfully completing the Introduction to SPT course. These credits can be utilized in a number of ways, including renewal of your Certified SPT credential.

To be considered for an externship, individuals must meet the following experience and educational requirements:

- Must be 2 years post Becoming an SPT Supervisor course with supervisory experience outside of SPTI of more than 2 supervisees
- Must have worked with play therapy clients regularly using Synergetic Play Therapy® (5 minimum a week) in the past two years.
- Comfortable with group consultation facilitation
- Must be current in SPT Certification and SPT Supervisor credentials (renewal requirements met on time)
- Must be licensed and a Registered Play Therapist (in the USA) or equivalent in your country / state/ province
- Willing to work with students from around the world and in time zones different than your own.

During the Synergetic Play Therapy® Externship Consultant Training Program, Externs will have the opportunity to participate as consultants for one round of the six-month Online Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy course while receiving additional training and support before and during the program. Once the course is completed, and after a discussion of readiness with the Lead Intro to Synergetic Play Therapy Consultant and Supervisor Trainer, participants may have the opportunity to move into a paid independent contractor position as an Intro to Synergetic Play Therapy Consultant. The Intro to Synergetic Play Therapy Consultant then completes 5 more rounds of the course.

The Synergetic Play Therapy Externship Consultant Training Program begins in August with orientation and training. Then, the cohort is divided into two groups: one supports the 6-month October Online Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy Course and the other supports the 6-month January Online Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy Course.

Externship Consultant Training Program Schedule: (All times are in Mountain Time, Denver)

All Trainings are required as they are an integral part of the Externship experience.

- **Information Meeting** - May 23, 2023: 5-7 pm
This meeting will offer an overview of the Externship program. It is the second step of the application process and an opportunity to ask questions for clarification.
- **Module 1: Introduction to Externship** - August 15, 2023: 5-7 pm
This training is designed to orient externs to the externship program, SPTI's mission/vision, SPTI's systems and protocols and what it means to be a consultant at Synergetic Play Therapy Institute.
- **Module 2: Content Review** - September 26, 2023: 2-3:30 pm
Externs will have an opportunity to learn directly from Lisa as the Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy course key teaching points are clarified and reviewed. This training is designed to help build confidence and clarity as externs will need to be able to teach concepts to their students.
- **Module 3: Consultation Review** - October 2, 2023: 5-7 pm
In this training module, externs will have an opportunity to review and deepen their understanding of what it means to be an SPT Supervisor. This knowledge will be translated into the role of a consultant while externs have the opportunity to practice complicated scenarios and develop skills to facilitate both individual and group consultation.
- **Module 4: SPTI Resources Training** - January 30, 2024: 5-6 pm (for Oct cohort); Jan Cohort TBD.
This training module is designed to help externs understand the basic principles behind upselling products and services. Through experiential role plays, externs will learn how to support students in making decisions about how they would love to continue to learn about Synergetic Play Therapy (courses, on-going consultation, etc) is an important part of student engagement.
- **Module 5: On-going Training/Program Support**
This module consists of on-going support times with the Lead Intro Consultant and the Supervisor Trainer. Monthly Admin check-ins (one hour) with the Lead Intro Consultant, and the Intro Consultant team, cover administrative tasks and offer a sense of community. Monthly Consultation group with the Supervisor Trainer (1.5 hours) supports the clinical process of consultation.

In addition to the training modules, Externs will receive additional consultation training and support through meeting with the Supervisor Trainer at the beginning and the end of the program to discuss current clinical skills and set professional consultation goals. Externs will also receive additional support via the Lead Consultant midway through the program and at the end of the Externship to discuss whether Extern is ready for, and interested in, an Intro to Synergetic Play Therapy Consultant contract position.

As an Extern, your responsibilities will include the following:

- Work with a diverse group of students both domestically and internationally.
- Work with a minimum of 3 students with a maximum of 9 students (between 1 and 3 groups) during the 6 month Online Synergetic Play Therapy Introductory course.
- Provide 50-60 minute group consultation(s) each month during the course, depending on group size.
- Provide a make-up individual consultation of 30-minute or 50-minute consultation to students that have missed a group consultation.
- Provide up to three 50-minute Pre-Certification consultations, monthly, to those going into the Certification Program to help prepare them for the course, adhering to the guidelines for Pre-Certification set forth in the Course Curriculum guidelines.
- Participate in the 6 month Online Introduction to Synergetic Play Therapy course alongside their students- including attendance at live webinars for student support and watching the course videos.

Application Instructions:

Online applications must be submitted by May 12, 2023, and candidates must respond to all questions in the application to be considered for the Synergetic Play Therapy Institute® Externship Consultant Training Program. Once you submit the online application, you will receive a confirmation email that it has been received.

The application will be reviewed and those that are selected will be notified *within 1 week of receiving the application* providing additional information about the *required* Informational meeting that will be held on **May 23, 2023, 5-7pm Mountain Time**.

If the application is not accepted at this time, an email notification will be sent within one week of SPTI receiving the application.

For any questions regarding this process or program, please contact the Institute at info@synergeticplaytherapy.com.