

Dyadic Theraplay® Practicum Certification Stages - UK 2018

The Dyadic Theraplay® Practicum is divided into 3 stages leading to certification as Foundational Theraplay® Practitioner, Intermediate Theraplay® Practitioner and Certified Theraplay® Practitioner.

Stage 1 - Leading to 'Foundational Theraplay® Practitioner'

Supervised sessions	8 minimum including 1 MIM-based assessment 1 parent only session Foundational Evaluation
Unsupervised sessions	32 minimum
Cases	2 minimum

Each videoed session submitted for supervision must be accompanied by the *Dyadic Session Supervision Form*, *Parent Session Supervision Form* or *MIM-Based Assessment Analysis Form* as applicable. Shortly after each supervision session, the student is asked to complete a *Supervision Reflection Form* and to send it to the supervisor. Comments should be brief and specific so that reflective practice skills are developed and monitored over time. Both student and supervisor will use this document to identify the student's strengths and challenges in using Theraplay® principles. The reflection forms remain confidential to the student and supervisor and are not submitted to The Theraplay® Institute. The supervisor and student may refer to the reflections when writing their comments on the Evaluation Form at the end of each stage. All forms can be downloaded from the Theraplay® UK website.

Foundational Evaluation

- On completion of the minimum number of unsupervised sessions required and with the recommendation of the supervisor, the student can proceed to the Foundational Evaluation. This will normally be at the 8th session of supervision. For some students, a small number of additional supervision sessions will be required in order for the student to gain sufficient experience and competency.
- The student must submit to the supervisor a recent *Dyadic Session Supervision Form*, a log of the supervised and unsupervised sessions to date and the *Foundation Stage Evaluation Form* with the student sections completed.
- Following the last stage1 supervision session, the supervisor will complete the remaining sections of the *Foundation Stage Evaluation Form*, rate the totality of the student's work and provide recommendations for increasing competence.
- The supervisor will submit the student's log, *Dyadic Session Supervision Form* and the completed and rated *Foundation Stage Evaluation Form* to the Theraplay® Institute Practicum Manager along with his/her recommendation.

The student must be rated an average of 3.0 or higher and be recommended by the supervisor in order to be awarded the certificate.

Foundational Practitioner Certificate

Upon successful completion of the stage1 requirements, the student will be awarded a certificate acknowledging status as a Foundational Theraplay® Practitioner. This certificate will be issued with explicit parameters for practice based upon the student's professional qualifications and work role. Foundational Practitioners without an accredited body will stop at this stage and may only use Theraplay® Informed Practice in the work they were approved for at registration.

Stage 2 - Leading to 'Intermediate Theraplay® Practitioner'

	Stage2 requirements	Total including Stage1
Supervised sessions	8 minimum, including: 1 MIM-based assessment 1 parent only session Intermediate Evaluation	16
Unsupervised sessions	32 minimum	64
Cases	2 minimum	4 or 5

- Students continue as above to submit sessions for supervision and to complete the *Supervision Reflection Form* after each supervision.
- Students must successfully complete the Level 2 Theraplay®/MIM training. This training can be done at any time before the end of stage 2.
- Students may present a session at the training and this will count as one supervised session. For those not yet registered for the practicum, a Level 2 case presentation will count as one supervised session if the student moves onto Intermediate or Certified stage within six months of the training. If completion of the Level 2 training is not practical during the time the student is working on Intermediate Theraplay® Practitioner certification, this requirement can be deferred upon recommendation of the supervisor. Students for deferment must be planning to finish the entire certification practicum. Students only planning to complete the Intermediate Stage must complete the Level 2 training before a certificate can be issued.
- On completion of the minimum number of unsupervised sessions required and with the recommendation of the supervisor, the student can proceed to the Intermediate Evaluation. This will normally be at the 8th session of supervision. For some students, a small number of additional supervision sessions will be required in order for the student to have sufficient experience and competency.

Intermediate Evaluation

- The student must submit to the regular supervisor a recent *Dyadic Session Supervision Form*, a log of the supervised and unsupervised sessions to date and the *Intermediate Stage Evaluation Form* with the student sections completed.

- Following the last stage2 supervision session, the regular supervisor will complete the remaining sections of the *Intermediate Stage Evaluation Form*, rate the totality of the student's work and provide recommendations for increasing competence.
- The supervisor will submit the student's log, *Dyadic Session Supervision Form* and the completed and rated *Intermediate Stage Evaluation Form* to the Theraplay® Institute practicum manager along with his/her recommendation.
- A supervisor other than the student's regular one will be identified by the Theraplay® Institute's practicum manager to evaluate the student's submitted session. The session submitted for evaluation should be of current work (no more than 3 months old). The student will submit the session video directly to the Theraplay® Institute supervisor who will complete the *Intermediate Stage Evaluation Form* by adding ratings, comments and suggestions for increasing competence.

The student must be rated an average of 3.5 or higher and be recommended by both the regular and Theraplay® Institute supervisor in order to be awarded the certificate. The Theraplay® Institute supervisor may agree with the regular supervisor's recommendation or override it.

Intermediate Practitioner Certificate

After passing the Intermediate Evaluation, the student will be awarded a certificate acknowledging their status as an Intermediate Theraplay® Practitioner. This certificate will be issued with explicit parameters for practice based upon the student's professional qualifications and work role.

Stage 3 - Leading to 'Certified Theraplay® Practitioner'

	Stage3 requirements	Total including Stages 1 and 2
Supervised sessions	8 minimum * including Final Evaluation	24
Unsupervised sessions	32 minimum	96
Cases	2 minimum	7 total

**The type of sessions to submit will be worked out in a plan that the supervisor develops for the student at the end of Stage2 to focus on areas where most skill development is needed.*

- Students continue as above to submit sessions for supervision and to complete the *Supervision Reflection Form* after each supervision.
- On completion of the minimum number of unsupervised sessions required and with the recommendation of the supervisor, the student can proceed to the Final Evaluation. This will normally be at the 8th session of supervision. For some students, a small number of additional supervision sessions will be required in order for the student to have sufficient experience and competency.

Final Evaluation

- The student must submit to the regular supervisor a recent *Dyadic Session Supervision Form*, a log of the supervised and unsupervised sessions to date and the *Final Stage Evaluation Form* with the student sections completed.
- Following the last Stage 3 supervision session, the regular supervisor will complete the remaining sections of the *Final Stage Evaluation Form*, rate the totality of the student's work and provide recommendations for increasing competence.
- The supervisor will submit the student's log, *Dyadic Session Supervision Form* and the completed and rated *Final Stage Evaluation Form* to the Theraplay® Institute Practicum Manager along with his/her recommendation.
- A supervisor other than the student's regular one will be identified by the Theraplay® Institute's practicum manager to evaluate the student's submitted session. The session submitted for evaluation should be of current work (no more than 3 months old). The student will submit the session video directly to the Theraplay® Institute supervisor who will complete the *Final Stage Evaluation Form* by adding ratings, comments and suggestions for increasing competence.
- The student must be rated an average of 4.0 or higher and be recommended by both the regular and Theraplay® Institute supervisor in order to be awarded the certificate. The Theraplay® Institute supervisor may agree with the regular supervisor's recommendation or override it. For ratings less than 4 in any particular area, a specific plan for additional supervision may be developed with the student's regular supervisor and a new *Final Stage Evaluation Form* submitted after defined goals have been met.

Certified Practitioner Certificate

After passing the Final Evaluation, the student will be awarded a certificate acknowledging their status as a Certified Theraplay® Practitioner. (This title has replaced previous distinctions of Theraplay Associate, Specialist or Therapist in the UK). Certification as a Theraplay® Practitioner indicates that the student has fulfilled The Theraplay® Institute's practicum requirements and has achieved a competency as a Certified Theraplay® Practitioner that will enable them to work as a self employed practitioner provided their registering/accrediting body's framework for ethical practice and CPD requirements is adhered to.

It is highly recommended that Certified Theraplay® Practitioners seek supervision before conducting Theraplay® with a client group that is significantly different to ones supervised during the practicum.

Additional certification information

- The full Theraplay® practicum requires the supervision of a minimum of 24 sessions including 2 MIM-based assessments and 3 designated as Foundational, Intermediate and Final Evaluations.
- The 24 supervised sessions must be spread out over at least 4 of the 7 required cases. Cases should be selected so that they represent as broad a range of clients as possible: a range of ages, presenting problems and family constellations should be represented.
- Students need experience working with the child and parent together as well as parents only. Of the total 120 sessions, at least 70 must be of Theraplay® Informed Practice sessions with the child and parent. The remaining sessions may be a combination of work with the child or the parent(s). Parent only sessions include parent reviews, MIM-based assessment feedback sessions and parent practice sessions/role play sessions. Students must arrange to video and submit for supervision between 2 and 6 sessions of parent-only work over the full practicum.
- Only one client session can be submitted for a single supervision session.

- The minimum time for completing the full practicum is one year.
- It is necessary to complete the full practicum and practise as a Certified Theraplay® Practitioner for two years before pursuing Theraplay® Trainer/Supervisor status.
- See 'Evaluating Competency' in the *Dyadic Theraplay® Practicum Certification Procedures* document for information about non-passing of evaluations, 'On-going Administrative Requirements' for information about annual registration requirements and 'Use of the Theraplay® Service Mark' for information about how practitioners must describe their use of 'Theraplay® principles', 'Theraplay® Informed Practice' and 'Theraplay®' in their work.

Keeping a log

At all stages of the practicum, it is the responsibility of the student to keep a log of the type and number of sessions submitted for supervision as well as the unsupervised sessions. The student and supervisor will plan for completion of the required numbers and types of sessions at each stage. The log should include: client's initials, date of session, date supervised if applicable, and type of session. The Theraplay® Institute practicum manager will check the records held for the student at each stage of certification.