

Educational Therapist & Alternate Methods Certification



Program Overview

An educational therapist is a professional who works with young children, adolescents and adults for the evaluation and treatment of learning problems. These problems may include, but are not limited to, dyslexia; attention deficit disorder; reading, writing, language or math problems; academic self-esteem and motivation; social skills; organization and study skills; school and college placement; and job performance. As special education legislation and services change and the demands of society grow, the role of the educational therapist is becoming increasingly valuable.

Educational therapy is a career choice for classroom teachers; resource specialists; special education teachers; speech/language specialists; education specialists in community agencies, hospitals, or clinics; and counselors and social workers. It is also a means for trained therapists (MFTs) to broaden their expertise and therapy skill set, allowing them to work effectively with clients who exhibit learning differences.

Through our Educational Therapy certificate, you receive training in skills essential to the profession: (1) formal and informal educational assessment; (2) synthesis of information from other specialists and parents; (3) development and implementation of appropriate remedial programs for school-related learning and behavioral problems; (4) strategies for addressing social and emotional aspects of learning problems; (5) formation of supportive relationships with the client and those involved in the client's educational development; and (6) communication facilitation between the client, the family, the school, and involved professionals. The training is designed to assist you in meeting the two major roles of a practicing educational therapist: remediator and case manager.

Prerequisites/Professional Requirements

While a master's degree in a related field is highly recommended, it is not a prerequisite for admission. Required is appropriate professional experience in classroom or resource teaching, special education, counseling, psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, or social work.

To Qualify as a Certified Educational Therapist

The Certificate in Educational Therapy issued by SeCrece, Inc. Educational Extension is an important first step; however, there are additional requirements to qualify as a professional member in the Association of Educational Therapists (AET) and yet more requirements to qualify as a Certified Educational Therapist with AET

Certificate Requirements

To obtain the Certificate in Educational Therapy, you must successfully complete "EdTher: Certificate Orientation", 120 hours contact and 40 hours extended examination. The 80% attendance is required and a 100% of all required courses completed. As you make your way through the courses and internship, you will compile a portfolio for review by the program director and advisory board. To learn more about the program and to receive career guidance, please attend our next free program orientation.

Certificate Application Information

We encourage you to establish candidacy in a certificate program early in your studies. Curriculum changes subsequent to the date your application is received will not affect your course requirements. Candidates will be notified of updates or special opportunities related to the program. Certificate Applications can be submitted through our .

Required Courses

- EdTher: Certificate Orientation
- EdTher 1: Understanding Learning Differences
- EdTher 2: Psychology of Human Learning
- EdTher 3: Principles of Educational Therapy
- EdTher 4: Management of Clinical Practice
- EdTher 6: Assessment for Educational Therapists Using Formal and Informal Approaches
- EdTher 7: Assessment for Educational Therapists--Practicum
- EdTher 8: Techniques of Educational Therapy, Part 1: Academic and Content
- EdTher 9: Techniques of Educational Therapy, Part 2: Affective, Cognitive and Perceptual Elements
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in the classroom
- Autism: Intervention and treatment
- ECE: Brain Development in Early Childhood
- ECE: Managing Behaviors that are challenging
- EdTher 10: Internship in Educational Therapy

