



New Category of Membership
SANDPLAY PRACTITIONER
Sandplay Therapists of America (STA)

Prerequisites, Training Requirements, and Application

The SANDPLAY PRACTITIONER category of membership responds to an expressed need of STA members to recognize professionals who have completed a personal process and some sandplay training. This membership category is offered to those interested in offering sandplay within the scope of their license and training. It is also recognition of partial fulfillment of the requirements to become a Certified Sandplay Therapist (CST)¹ and/or Certified Sandplay Therapist - Teacher (CST-T).

A Sandplay Practitioner may provide sandplay in his or her work without supervision and advertise appropriately (e.g., on business cards) that s/he is recognized by Sandplay Therapists of America as a Sandplay Practitioner. A personal sandplay process or training hours provided by a Sandplay Practitioner cannot be counted towards membership in STA at the practitioner or certified levels of membership.

Prerequisites

Applicants must:

- Hold a valid state license or credential as a mental health professional or a professional license, credential, certificate, or equivalent in an allied field, such as nursing, teaching, or spiritual direction.
- Hold a commitment to in-depth inner development and insight as gained through analysis and/or psychotherapy.

Training Requirements

- Complete a sandplay process with a STA/ISST Certified Sandplay Therapist (CST) or Certified Sandplay Therapist – Teacher (CST-T). An honest, transformative personal sandplay process is the most significant, foundational requirement of the training sequence. The process must occur with a CST or CST-T after that individual has achieved certified status.
- Complete a minimum of 36 hours of education in sandplay with a CST-T or at a STA-sponsored conference, seminar, or workshop, including 18 hours of an introductory course in sandplay. Twelve (12) of the 36 hours may be earned through field-tested, STA-approved on-line courses.
- Participate in group consultation with a CST-T for a minimum of 25 sessions in which the applicant presents at least 5 hours of sandplay case material or in

¹ A “Certified Sandplay Therapist (CST)” or “Certified Sandplay Therapist – Teacher (CST-T)” is recognized by the International Society for Sandplay Therapy (ISST) and is certified by Sandplay Therapists of America. (See website: www.sandplay.org for information and requirements.)

individual sandplay consultation for a minimum of 15 hours or in a combination of group and individual consultation sessions for a total of 20 sessions. If an individual applicant selects a combination of individual and group consultation sessions, at least 2 hours of every 10 hours of group consultation must be presentation hours by the applicant.

- Work with a minimum of 3 clients or students per week, who engage with sandplay on a regular basis, for a minimum of 1 year (9 months for school counselors) under the consultation of a CST-T.

Application for Membership as a Sandplay Practitioner²

- Complete the “Application for Membership as a Sandplay Practitioner” available via website: www.sandplay.org
- Submit completed application for membership as a Sandplay Practitioner along with fees and supporting information to: Sandplay Therapists of America, PO Box 4847, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Application will request:
 - (1) Proof of attendance at seminars, such as certificates and/or letters for classroom time.
 - (2) Completed form from certified member verifying sandplay process.
 - (3) Completed form from certified member(s) verifying:
Dates and number of consultation hours,
Number of sandplay clients or students per week
Readiness to practice sandplay without supervision.
 - (4) Letters of recommendation from two certified member(s).
- Pay annual dues

A reminder: The name *Sandplay Practitioner* is a category of membership conferred by STA and can be used only when current annual dues are paid.

² Sandplay Therapists of America has five categories of membership:

Category One: Associate Member.

Category Two: Sandplay Practitioner. Can provide sandplay therapy.

Category Three: Certified Sandplay Therapist. Can provide sandplay therapy and a sandplay process to those seeking to be Sandplay Practitioners and/or Certified members.

Category Four: Certified Sandplay Therapist – Teacher. Can provide sandplay process; seminars, workshops, or courses; and group and individual consultation/supervision to those seeking to be Sandplay Practitioners and/or Certified members.

Category Five: Founding Member. Can provide all of the above.