

SANDPLAY PRACTITIONER: PREREQUISITES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

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) 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 he or she 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, in the United States, 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

1. Complete a sandplay process with an 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.
2. Complete a minimum of 36 hours of CST/ISST Certified Training with a CST-T or at an 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
3. Participate in group consultation with a CST-T for a minimum of 25 sessions in which the applicant presents at least five hours of sandplay case material or in 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 two hours of every 10 hours of group consultation must be presentation hours by the applicant.
4. Applicants are required to seek consultation from someone other than the therapist with whom they completed their sandplay process.
5. Work with a minimum of three clients or students per week, who engage with sandplay on a regular basis, for a minimum of one year (nine months for school counselors) under the consultation of a CST-T.
6. Applicants may select an STA certified member as advisor during their training process (please see STA Handbook for Applicant/Advisor agreement).

Application for Membership as a Sandplay Practitioner

1. Complete the “Application for Membership as a Sandplay Practitioner” available in the STA Handbook.
2. Please send completed application via PDF to sta@sandplay.org. The application may also be mailed to: Sandplay Therapists of America, PO Box 4847, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Application requires:

- (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).
 - (5) Proof of malpractice insurance
3. Pay annual dues

Please refer to STA Handbook for application forms and further information.

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.