



Course Description:

This course is designed for Certified PLAY Project Consultants to gain the knowledge needed to adapt the 7 Circles of PLAY into the preschool or kindergarten classroom, leading to Teaching PLAY Certification. This is a self-paced course. Participants are encouraged to explore the various units and modules according to their interests and questions.

Course Instructors:

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Recorded and live session details:

There will be **1 optional live session**. The session will be recorded and posted for those who cannot attend.

Required Materials: Teaching PLAY Training Manual, computer or tablet, Internet access

Suggested Materials: Headset (recommendations available)

Course Requirements: Complete assignments and associated live or recorded content.

Attendance/Participation:

As a student in this course, you will gain the most by completing assignments on time and actively participate in the live session as well as online discussions in the forum.

Forum / Discussion Guidelines:

Online participation is an important part of the learning process. Since each of you brings a unique background and set of experiences to this class, a key objective of the live sessions and online discussions is learning from each other.

What is online discussion in the forum?

An analysis of a question posed by the instructor that requires the student to use higher level or critical thinking skills to respond. This requires a demonstration of an understanding and application of the materials provided for the week (i.e., case studies, readings, lectures, videos, and websites) through:

- 1) synthesis of the materials;
- 2) examples of personal experience; and
- 3) sharing external research (e.g., books, journals, websites, etc.)



PLAY Project Certification Online Course Agenda

| Units and Topics | Activities and Assignments |
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| <p>Unit 1: Introduction & Overview</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Overview • Ohio EI Initiative • What is Teaching PLAY? • Certification Criteria | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch: Recorded sessions (24 minutes) 2. Read: Training Manual Sections 1 & 3 3. Post: Answer questions in the forum: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why does interaction lead to academic readiness? b. What do you think will be your biggest challenge and what are you most looking forward to in implementing Teaching PLAY? 4. Assignment: Orientation Quiz |
| <p>Unit 2: 7 Circles of Teaching PLAY</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of 7 Circles • Video Case Studies | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch: Recorded Sessions (27 minutes) 2. Participate: Answer questions within the recorded modules 3. Post: questions/comments in forum |
| <p>Unit 3: Evaluation</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Evidence for Teaching PLAY • PLAY SEA Training • School Staff Assessment • Student Assessment • Conducting Research | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch: Recorded sessions (1.5 hours, including optional modules) 2. Read: Training Manual Section 2 3. Post: questions/comments in forum |
| <p>Unit 4: Implementation</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Schools • Training Materials • Daily Classroom Schedules • IEP Goals • Working with Parents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch: Recorded sessions (18 minutes) 2. Read: School Staff Training Manual 3. Participate: Answer questions on the forum and within the recorded modules 4. Post: questions/comments in the forum |