Summer Intensive Drama Therapy Courses

Each June the Drama Therapy Program offers intensive one-week in-residence, three credit courses in drama therapy. These courses are taken by students in the K-State program and Alternative Training students in Drama Therapy from elsewhere. Courses are offered through Kansas State’s Division of Continuing Education. Credentialed experts are brought in to teach the courses.

The courses usually meet at the Manhattan Christian College at 1415 Anderson Avenue, across the street from the university. The courses meet from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday with an additional meeting on Friday evening from 7-10. Then reading, papers, and projects from the course are due by the end of July.

This series of offerings was started in 1990 by former program director and distinguished professor emeritus Norman Fedder, Ph.D., RDT/BCT. It is an efficient way for Alternative Training students to get 3-9 credits in required core courses and advanced electives. Alternative Training students who have been working on degrees in counseling, social work, or psychology have been able to transfer up to two of the summer courses into their program of study as advanced electives since Kansas State University is an accredited university. These classes are also a great way for seekers to confirm if drama therapy is the right field for them before investing a lot of time and money in Alternative Training.

Typically required core courses in the Alternative Training program are offered on a rotating basis with Principles of Drama Therapy, Sociodrama, and Drama Therapy with Special Populations in even numbered years and Creative Arts Therapies, Psychodrama and an advanced elective or Ethics in the odd numbered years.

Sometimes intensive courses are offered during the month of January during Winter Intersession. These courses usually begin with reading and online discussion before the week in residence.

Each summer the three courses are offered in subsequent weeks so that students can take one, two, or all three. Students from other places often stay in the university dorms. For information on room and board on campus, contact Housing and Dining Services at housing@k-state.edu or http://www.housing.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6368. Information on summer guest housing can be found on: http://housing.k-state.edu/guest-housing/guest/index.html Online sign up for Guest Housing in the summer can be found on https://apps2.housing.k-state.edu/guest/step1.php

Sometimes students stay at a motel with a kitchenette or a bed and breakfast. Most of these, however, are not within walking distance of the classes. Motels, hotels, and bed and breakfasts in the area can be found on the website of the Manhattan, Kansas Convention and Visitor’s Bureau at http://www.manhattancvb.org
There is a regional airport in Manhattan (MHK) with flight service provided by American Airlines which connects to their hubs in Chicago or Dallas. The other way of flying to Manhattan is to fly into Kansas City International (MCI) and take the KCI Roadrunner Shuttle to Manhattan or rent a car.

Registration for summer courses usually begins after K-State’s spring break in late March.

The first time someone enrolls for a course a K-State EID (electronic ID/email account) needs to be created. Register for an EID at https://eid.k-state.edu/eProfile/registration.do A new student also needs to apply as a non-degree seeking student. Look for instructions for how to do this at http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/registration/policies-admit

When that process has been completed, enrollment can be done at https://eis.dce.ksu.edu/CreditReg/CourseSearch/ You will find the courses under the Theatre Department (THTRE) and its number (e.g., THTRE 760) or use the course reference number.

For more information go to KSU’s Division of Continuing Education at www.dce.ksu.edu or call 1-800-432-8222 (Mention that the drama therapy courses are listed under the Theatre Department).

For more information about the courses and the summer schedule or about NADTA’s Drama Therapy Alternative Training Program, contact Sally Bailey at sdbailey@k-state.edu, phone: 785-532-6780; mailing address: School of Music, Theatre and Dance, 109 McCain; Kansas State University; Manhattan, KS 66506-4701.