Edinboro University offers three distinct pathways to become qualified for a career in art therapy.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Art Therapy

This program is dedicated to achieving excellence in counseling, art therapy education, research, and clinical and community service while fostering the highest ethical standards. The program integrates both counseling and visual arts practice, engaging the creative power of art for clinical assessment and treatment. EU’s art therapy program is ranked #8 in the nation by Nonprofit Colleges Online’s “Students Before Profits Award,” approved by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) Commission on Accreditation, and meets the educational requirements, according to the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB), to qualify students for registration as an art therapist.

- Program can be completed 100% online or with a mix of on-campus courses and online courses
- 60-credit graduate program designed using the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) educational guidelines
- Provides students with the educational requirements to attain credentials as a nationally Registered Art Therapist (ATR) and a Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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- Pay an application fee of $30
- Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (not needed if EU graduate)

In addition to the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University, individuals seeking admission into the art therapy program must comply with the following specific admission requirements:

- Provide three letters of reference
- Provide a writing sample (500 words maximum) addressing one of the following topics:
  - Why you chose to be an art therapy counselor
  - The most important characteristics of an art therapy counselor
- A link to an online portfolio (ex. Flickr, Dropbox, Snapfish) of 20 images of applicant’s art
- Psychology credits: 12 graduate or undergraduate credits in Introduction to Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Personality Theories, and Developmental Psychology are preferred. Twelve credits must be taken before candidacy.
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- A personal interview, if notified by the department

POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE

Art Therapy

The nationally ranked Post-Master’s Certificate in Art Therapy program trains current mental health practitioners in art therapy approaches and techniques to qualify them to apply for their Registered Art Therapist (ATR) Credentials. The program focuses on art therapy practice, theory, assessment, ethics and professional functioning.

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