The Post-Master’s Art Therapy Certificate provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for conducting art therapy within an existing mental health practice. This program allows students to add the qualifications for a Registered Art Therapist to their current mental health credentials. The certificate is designed to provide mental health practitioners with the essentials of art therapy, including history and theory, media and materials used, professional functioning and standards, clinical and group, and supervised internship experiences. Students enrolled in the art therapy certificate program should already hold a master’s degree in a mental health field or be concurrently enrolled in the MA in Counseling at Edinboro University and wish to add the Registered Art Therapist status to their credentials. Students concurrently enrolled in the MA in Counseling and the Post-Master’s certificate in Art Therapy must complete the MA degree prior to being awarded the Post-Master’s certificate.

Admission Requirements and Procedures: Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Completed the online graduate application (gradschool.edinboro.edu).
2. Pay an application fee of $30.
3. An official transcript verifying an earned master’s degree in a mental health field from an accredited institution (not needed if degree was earned at Edinboro).
5. Writing sample: Please address one of the following topics, limiting your response to a maximum of 500 words: Why you chose to be a counselor; or the most important characteristics of a counselor. Please include the following statement at the end of your writing sample: “I, print your name, certify the writing sample I have submitted is my own work, reflecting my own thoughts; that no part is plagiarized, and I did not receive assistance in completing the writing sample.” Follow with your signature and date.
6. An interview is a requirement of the admission process and the Program Head will contact the applicant, once the application is complete. (Skype-type interviews may be arranged for online students.)
7. A link to an online portfolio (ex. flickr, dropbox, snapfish) of 20 images of applicant’s art.
8. 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. Studio Art credits: (18) graduate or undergraduate credits in 2 and 3-D studio art areas. Twelve credits must be completed before art therapy courses may be taken. Six credits can be taken in the first year of the program, but must be finished before candidacy. Six credits can be done as portfolio approval.

Curriculum (30 credits)

- ARTT 710 History and Theory of Art Therapy
- ARTT 720 Media and Materials in Art Therapy
- ARTT 730 Art Therapy Practice and Assessment
- ARTT 735 Clinical and Group Art Therapy
- ARTT 740 Professional Functioning, Standards, and Ethics in Art Therapy
- ARTT 750 Current Trends in Art Therapy or
- ARTT 760 International Art Therapy
- ARTT 790 Research Project in Art Therapy
- COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*

*All internship courses, whether in an online or campus-based program, will be charged at the on-campus rate.
For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the Post-Master’s Certificate in Art Therapy, please contact Dr. Penelope Orr at (814) 732-1684 (porr@edinboro.edu).

Office for Students with Disabilities: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OSD web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans' Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, http://www.gibill.va.gov/. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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