

Post-Master's Certificate in Art Therapy

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. Create 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) and application fee of \$30.
2. 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). Include all transcripts of courses taken outside of the degree that contain prerequisite courses.
3. Provide the name, email address, and place of employment for three (3) references (electronic reference requests will be emailed to each)
4. Complete an APA formatted writing sample of 500 – 750 words, with a minimum of two (2) references and citations answering the following:
 - Why do you want to study counseling/art therapy at Edinboro University?
 - What are the personal and professional experiences that have led you to choose a career in art therapy/counseling?
 - In your research, what have you learned about the profession of art therapy counseling?
5. A link to an online portfolio (ex. flickr, dropbox, snapfish) of 20 images of applicant's art demonstrating a variety of 2-and 3-D pieces.
6. Prerequisites:
 - a. Studio Art credits: (18) graduate or undergraduate credits in 2 and 3-D studio art areas. Up to six credits can be done as portfolio approval. Eighteen (18) credits must be taken before candidacy.

***Applicants with more than two outstanding prerequisites will not be considered for admission. Current enrollment in courses will be considered.**

7. An interview is a requirement of the admission process for the Counseling programs. Once your application is complete, it will be sent to the Program Head for review. If selected for an interview, the Program Head will be in contact with you. Interviews are scheduled for 30 minutes and are conducted using Zoom.

CURRICULUM

31 semester hours of prescribed graduate credit is required and should be earned as follows:

Required Art Therapy Courses 21 Credit Hours

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 790	Introduction to Art Therapy Research
ARTT 791	Advanced Research Project in Art Therapy
COUN 795	Internship (6 credits)

Art Therapy Electives (2 credits each – must take 6 credits)

ARTT 750	Current Trends in Art Therapy
ARTT 751	Trauma Informed Art Therapy
ARTT 752	Metaphor and Creativity in Art Therapy
ARTT 753	Clinical Art Therapy Approaches
ARTT 754	Digital Media in Art Therapy
ARTT 760	International Art Therapy

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. Carolyn Treadon at (814) 732-1104 (ctreadon@edinboro.edu).

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

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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