



Post Master's Certificate in Art Therapy Empowerment Through Creativity and Compassion

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 Provisionally 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.

Vision Statement. Empowering the artists and clinician within the artist therapist through an accessible, shared learning experience designed to develop successful, contributing professional in our communities and world.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES

Visit the PennWest website and click the "Apply Now" link at the bottom of the page. Being by creating an account on slate.

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

1. Complete the online application. And pay the application fee.
2. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Include all transcripts of courses taken outside of the degree that contain prerequisite courses. International applicants should contact graduate admissions for additional guidance (GradAdmissions@pennwest.edu)
3. Provide the name, email address, and place of employment for two (2) references (electronic reference requests will be emailed to each).
4. Complete and Admissions Essay that is 750-1000 words, written in APA 7th edition format and contains at least two references that addresses:
 - a. Why do you want to start art therapy at PennWest?
 - b. In your research, what have you learned about the profession of art therapy?
 - c. What are the personal and professional experiences that have you led you to choose a career in art therapy?
 - d. How do you envision your future role as a professional art therapist counselor?
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. A Master's degree in a related mental health profession.
 - b. 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.
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 Coordinator for review. If selected for an



interview, the Coordinator will be in contact with you. Interviews are scheduled for 30 minutes and are conducted using Zoom.

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

For full consideration, a completed application for a Fall Semester start must be received by February 15th. Spring semester applications must be received by September 15th. Applications will be screened after the deadline and applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

CURRICULUM

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

Required Art Therapy Courses

21 Credit Hours

COUN 7500	History and Theory of Counseling and Consultation in Art Therapy
COUN 7510	Media and Materials in Art Therapy
COUN 7520	Clinical and Group Art Therapy
COUN 7530	Art Therapy Practice and Assessment
COUN 7540	Professional Functioning, Standards, and Ethics in Art Therapy
COUN 7550	Introduction to Art Therapy Research
COUN 7560	Advanced Research Project in Art Therapy

Art Therapy Electives

(2 credits each – must take 4 credits)

COUN 7600	Current Trends in Art Therapy
COUN 7610	Cultural Practices in Art Therapy
COUN 7620	Trauma Informed Art Therapy
COUN 7630	Metaphor and Creativity in Art Therapy
COUN 7640	Clinical Approaches in Art Therapy
COUN 7650	Digital Media in Art Therapy
COUN 7660	Community Engagement in Art Therapy

Fieldwork

(700 total hours / 350 direct client contact)

COUN 7590	Internship (6 credits over 2 semesters)
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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Comprehensive Exams- The student must satisfactorily complete comprehensive examinations. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exams are outlined in the Counseling Student Handbook, which will be made available to each student.

Culminating Project- A Master's Project of Thesis is required for graduation. Additional information concerning this requirement can be found in the Counseling Student Handbook.



For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact PennWest Graduate Studies at gradstudies@pennwest.edu. For questions specific to Post-Master's Certificate in Art Therapy, please contact Dr. Carolyn Treadon at (814) 732-1104 (ctreadon@pennwest.edu)

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Financial Aid Considerations: For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 814-732-3500 or finaid@pennwest.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: PennWest University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Student Accounts Office.

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/>.



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