ART THERAPY EDUCATION

Art therapists are required to have a master’s degree for entry-level practice. Doctoral programs in art therapy are also available.

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The AATA has approved 35 art therapy master’s programs located in 20 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The initial phase of transition to accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs is underway.

Graduates continue in clinical supervised experience to earn their professional credentials—ATR (Art Therapist, Registered) and ATR-BC (Art Therapist, Registered and Board-Certified)—through the Art Therapy Credentials Board.

Master’s programs were invited to submit an art piece for a mural (below) at the National Office.

Approved Programs

California
Loyola Marymount University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Phillips Graduate University
Colorado
Naropa University
Connecticut
Albertus Magnus College
Washington D.C.
The George Washington University
Florida
Florida State University
Illinois
Adler University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
Indiana
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
Kansas
Emporia State University

Kentucky
University of Louisville
Massachusetts
Lesley University
Springfield College
Michigan
Wayne State University
Minnesota
Adler Graduate School
New Jersey
Caldwell University
New Mexico
Southwestern College
New York
College of New Rochelle
Hofstra University
Long Island University – Post Campus
Nazareth College of Rochester

New York University
Pratt Institute
School of Visual Arts
Ohio
Ursuline College
Oregon
Marylhurst University
Pennsylvania
Drexel University
Marywood University
Seton Hill University
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Eastern Virginia Medical School
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