



**Master List and Timeline of AATA Approved and
CAAHEP Accredited Programs
for Verification Purposes**
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Beginning Fall 2016, the art therapy profession, with support from the American Art Therapy Association (AATA), began a transition period to shift art therapy programs from being AATA-approved to newly developed programmatic accreditation under CAAHEP/ACATE (the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, art therapy specific processes managed by the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education).

The following chart will allow individuals to provide **verification of past AATA approval** of their graduate program to an employer or for ATR application, if required. In addition, **verification of a program’s initial CAAHEP accreditation date**, which replaced their prior AATA approval status, may be obtained from the CAAHEP directory, with the date accreditation was granted shown below and the award letter being available on the CAAHEP directory through the “find an accredited program” search option. (Link to CAAHEP Directory search option: <http://www.caahep.org/ACATE>)

*** It is important to note that the following list reflects approval/accreditation status of master’s degree programs only. This list does not include Certificates offered at times by various art therapy programs. Certificate programs, while they may entail up to 30 credits of coursework, are not stand-alone master’s degrees and so do not fall under AATA Approval or CAAHEP Accreditation oversight.*

School/Program	City/State	Dates of AATA Approval	Date of Initial CAAHEP Accreditation
Adler Graduate School	Minnetonka, MN	Approved 11/01/2012 – 3/18/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 3/18/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Adler University Chicago (initially named Adler School of Professional Psychology)	Chicago, IL	Approved 3/22/99- 1/18/2024 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 1/18/2024 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Albertus Magnus College	New Haven, CT	Approved 5/03/2010 – 11/16/2018 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 11/16/2018 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Anna Maria College	Paxton, MA	Approved 1977 – uncertain date of end of master’s	n/a

		degree due to institution closure	
Antioch University-Seattle	Seattle, WA	Approved 11/01/2010 – 1/16/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 11/16/2018 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Caldwell University	Caldwell, NJ	Approved 7/1/2006 – 1/20/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 1/20/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Cedar Crest College	Allentown, PA	n/a	In accreditation application transition line
College of New Rochelle	New Rochelle, NY	Approved 1/1/1984 – 7/1/2019 Institution now closed	n/a
Concordia University	Quebec, Canada	Approved 1/1/1987 – 11/1/2020	n/a
Dominican University of California	Los Angeles, CA	Approved 7/1/2021 – 7/19/2023 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 7/19/2023 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Drexel University	Philadelphia, PA	Approved 7/1/2002 – 9/17/2021 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 9/17/2021 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Norfolk, VA	Approved 1/1/1984 – 9/20/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 9/20/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Edinboro University (now Pennsylvania Western University)	Edinboro, PA	n/a	Accredited 9/21/2018 View CAAHEP directory, under Pennsylvania Western University for current status verification
Emporia State University	Emporia, KS	Approved 1/1/1991 – 3/15/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 3/15/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Florida State University	Tallahassee, FL	Approved 1/1/2003 – 1/16/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 1/16/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
George Washington University	Alexandria, VA	Approved 1/1/1979 – 3/15/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 3/15/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Herron School of Art and Design, IUPUI	Indianapolis, IN	n/a	Accredited 5/14/2021 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification

Hofstra University	Hempstead, NY	Approved 1/1/1984 – 7/16/2021 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 7/16/2021 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Lesley University	Cambridge, MA	Approved 1/1/1981 – 7/15/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 7/15/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Long Island University – Post Campus	Brookville, NY	Approved 1/1/1996 – 7/24/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 7/24/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Loyola Marymount University	Los Angeles, CA	Approved 1/1/1979 – 1/20/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 1/20/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Lewis & Clark College	Portland, OR	Approved May 2018 – 5/17/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 5/17/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Marylhurst University (now Lewis & Clark College)	Portland, OR	Approved 1/1/1991 – May 2018 when program transferred to Lewis & Clark College. followed by CAAHEP accreditation	See Lewis & Clark College for CAAHEP accreditation date
Marywood University	Scranton, PA	Approved 1/1/1986 – 5/14/2021 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 5/14/2021 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
MCP Hahnemann University (Now Drexel University)	Philadelphia, PA	Approved 1/1/1979 – transfer to Drexel University 7/1/2002.	See Drexel University for CAAHEP accreditation date
Mount Mary University	Milwaukee, WI	Approved 1/1/1995 – 3/15/24 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 3/15/24 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Naropa University	Boulder, CO	Approved 1/1/1998 – 3/18/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 3/18/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Nazareth College of Rochester	Rochester, NY	Approved 1/1/1996 – 3/20/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 3/20/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
New York University	New York, NY	Approved 1/1/1979 – 5/17/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 5/17/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification

Notre Dame de Namur University (Now Dominican University)	Los Angeles, CA	Approved 1/1/1986 – 7/1/2021 transfer to Dominican University	See Dominican University
Notre Dame of Maryland	Baltimore, MD	n/a	Accredited 1/18/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Pennsylvania West University (prior Edinboro)	Edinboro, PA	n/a	Initial accreditation 9/21/2018. View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Phillips Graduate University	Chatsworth, CA	Approved 1/1/2003 – 5/15/2019	n/a university closed
Pratt Institute	Brooklyn, NY	Approved 1/1/1980 – 7/19/2023 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Initial accreditation 7/19/23. View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	Saint Mary of the Woods, IN	Approved 1/1/2007 – 1/16/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 1/16/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL	Approved 1/1/1989 – 9/16/22 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 9/16/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
School of Visual Arts – New York	New York, NY	Approved 8/1/2001 – 7/15/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 7/15/2022. View CAAHEP directory for current status verification.
Seton Hill University	Greensburg, PA	Approved 1/1/2000 – 1/18/2024 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 1/18/2024 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville	Edwardsville, IL	Approved 1/1/1992 – 9/20/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 9/20/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Southwestern College	Santa Fe, NM	Approved 1/1/1998 – 11/22/2021 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 11/22/2021 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Springfield College	Springfield, MA	Approved 6/1/1998 – 5/15/2020 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 5/15/2020 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
St. Mary-of-the-Woods	St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN	Approved 1/1/2007 – 1/16/2019 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 1/16/2019 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification

St Louis Institute of Art Psychotherapy	St.Louis, MO	Approved 1/1/1998 – uncertain date of institute closure	n/a
University of Illinois at Chicago	Chicago, IL	Approved 1/1/1985 – uncertain date of program and institution closure	n/a
University of Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	n/a	Accredited 3/17/2023 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
University of Louisville	Louisville, KY	Approved 1/1/1978 – 1/20/2022 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 1/20/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	Approved 1/1/1988 – uncertain date of program closure	n/a
Ursuline College	Pepper Pike, OH	Approved 1/1/1992 – 1/15/2021 followed by CAAHEP accreditation	Accredited 1/15/2021 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification
Vermont College of Norwich	Montpelier, VT	Approved 1/1/1979 – 2001 per institution closure	n/a
Wayne State University	Detroit, MI	Approved 1/1/1994 – 9/16/22 followed by CAAHEP accreditation.	Accredited 9/16/2022 View CAAHEP directory for current status verification