

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.

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](#)

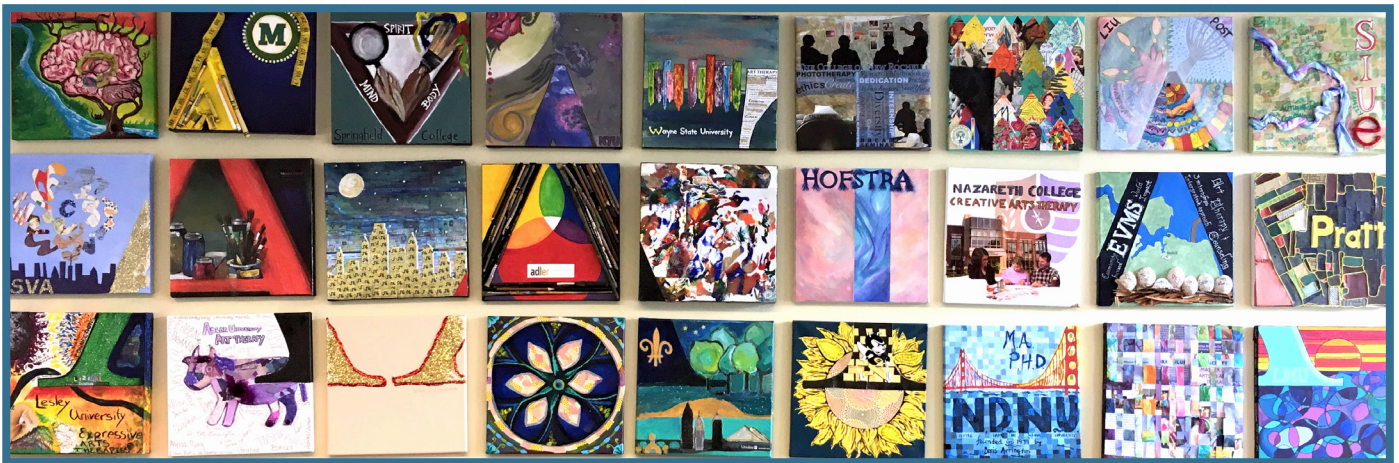
Art therapists may obtain a [license to practice](#). Licenses vary from state to state.

Applicants for graduate art therapy programs must complete requisite coursework in psychology and studio art at the undergraduate level.

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

Graduates of art therapy master's programs have significant clinical, supervised experience by the time they enter the workforce.

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.



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

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Ohio

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Pennsylvania

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Wisconsin

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