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AATA NEWS

Open Hearing for Proposed Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Art Therapy



Dana Elmendorf, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, Chair, Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE)

An open hearing for the proposed Standards and Guidelines for the accreditation of educational programs in art therapy is scheduled for Oct. 27, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. To review and comment on the proposed Standards and to register for the open hearing, please visit the Public Notifications page on the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs website. Anyone planning to attend the electronic open hearing must register by Oct. 21, 2016. Comments on the proposed Standards must be made by Oct. 16, 2016. Those interested in art therapy master's level education may also review and comment on the proposed Standards. **READ MORE**

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AATA Adds Signature to *Advancing the Arts to Support National Policy Priorities*



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The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) recently joined with 65 other national organizations to back the statement, *Advancing the Arts to Support National Policy Priorities*. The [statement](#), now available to the public,

urges the new Administration to leverage the arts to their full potential by identifying and raising their visibility in policy issues that cut across federal agencies, including economic and community development, health and wellness, veteran and active duty military care, education and youth development, international diplomacy and cultural exchange, and technology and communications policy.

Campaign for Hope: Florida Art Therapy Association Expands Art from the Heart



Joseph Scarce, MA, MFT, ATR-BC, President of the Florida Art Therapy Association

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Orlando Youth Alliance enjoyed expressing themselves and creating art in the heart with a message of sympathy and hope for the Orlando families and community affected by the Pulse nightclub tragedy. The youth attendees participated by creating their own art and sharing their art making with each other. Art therapy will continue with this group, as one of the art therapists in attendance agreed to facilitate the OYA group. The event offered a wonderful opportunity for the youth to continue expressing themselves through art making. **READ MORE**



Professional Doctorate of Art Therapy

This Mount Mary University program advances working professionals' careers through an annual, summer 12-day residency, online coursework and practitioner-generated research to transform the profession.

AATA Featured Member



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Katharine Houpt, MAAT, ATR, LCPC is an artist and art therapist in Chicago. She owns a private practice, working with adults in an art studio space and individuals living with Alzheimer's and related forms of dementia in their homes, as well as providing art-based supervision for professionals seeking ATR and LCPC certification and licensure. A member of both the AATA and the Illinois Art Therapy Association (IATA), Katharine values the opportunity for networking, learning and self-care that national and local events provide. "The conferences are a great

chance to be inspired by not only what is there," she notes, "but what gaps need to be filled to make our profession stronger." **READ MORE**

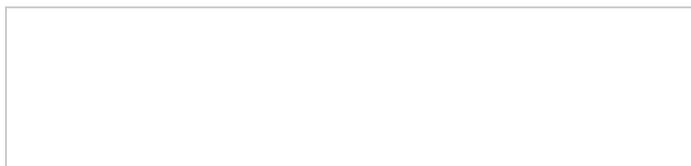
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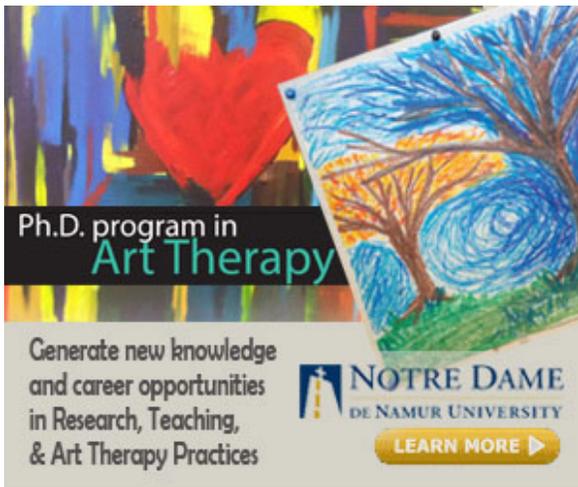


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The AATA, in partnership with Dover Publications, Inc., is creating a coloring book that will help raise public awareness of the art therapy profession. It will be illustrated solely by AATA credentialed professional members, showcasing their talent while providing their unique perspectives on the benefits of art therapy. Importantly, this book will promote an accurate and consistent message of art therapy as a regulated mental health profession, because the AATA will oversee written content included in the book, including the title and introduction, and ensure all content is relevant to the AATA's mission and vision. Furthermore, the contributing artists may promote their own products/services that can be included in conjunction with their coloring page and narrative. **READ MORE**

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The American Orthopsychiatric Association (Ortho) calls for proposals



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The 30th Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health will be held on March 5-8 in Tampa, FA. The American Orthopsychiatric Association (Ortho) is inviting proposal submissions for the Ortho track focusing on the theme of "Improving Services and Supports for Children and Families: Enhancing Systems and Settings." Those interested in child and family issues are encouraged to participate. **The deadline for proposals is Oct. 28, 2016.** Information about the conference, including the process for submitting a proposal, can be found at [CMH Conference](#).

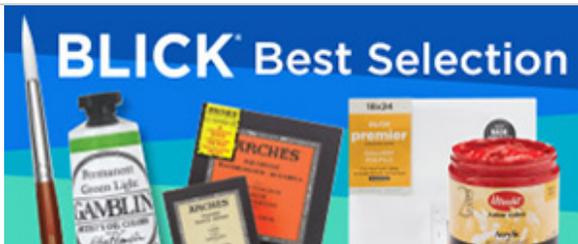
Seeking art therapist for clinical sessions in Singapore



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The Red Pencil International is partnering with Beyond Social Services, a charity dedicated to reducing delinquency among children and youth from less privileged backgrounds, to implement an eight-session art therapy program in Singapore. The art therapist will facilitate these sessions with six primary school students (ages 6-12) in order to raise awareness for art therapy, teach and encourage expression through art, explore and share feelings, and prevent delinquency behaviors. **Interested applicants should send their resume to welcome@redpencil.org before Friday, Sept. 23, 2016.** For more information, click [here](#).

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IN THE NEWS

Art therapy helps veterans communicate feelings and emotions



WTMJ-TV

Veterans with mental illness or PTSD may struggle to express their feelings. For one local Vietnam veteran, the solution is a canvas and paintbrush. Willie Weaver-Bey spent 40 years in prison after serving in the Army. When he got out, he struggled to reconnect with the outside world, but through color and paint, he found a way to share his life experiences. [READ MORE](#)

Art therapy studio opens in Hanover, Pennsylvania



The Evening Sun

When someone experiences trauma, therapy is often suggested as a helpful tool to begin the healing process. But what about when people do not have the words to express their feelings? Brenda Cunningham, a state licensed and certified art therapist, understands the importance of non-verbal communication. "Talk therapy is a point-blank conversation about the mental health issue that you're dealing with, whereas art therapy might not be so direct," Cunningham said. "It's very indirect, like a back door. It deals with different parts of the brain other than language." [READ MORE](#)

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