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AATA NEWS

A Step Forward for Distinct Classification of Art Therapy through the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Dean Sagar, AATA Public Policy Advisor

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has released a preliminary listing of Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes to take effect on January 1, 2018, that will classify art therapists within the 29-0000 occupation group for Healthcare Practitioners and under a 29-1129 sub-code for "Therapists: All Other." The proposed reclassification is a marked improvement over the current 2010 SOC system in which art therapists were inappropriately classified within the 29-1125 occupational code for recreational therapists. The Standard Occupational Classifications cover all professions in which work is performed for pay or profit in both government and private employment. SOC codes are revised every 8 years by a Standard Occupational Classification Policy Committee (SOCP) comprised of representatives of the ten federal agencies with primary responsibility for collecting statistical data and with input from other federal agencies and the public. **READ MORE**



AATA Featured Member



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Martha Haeseler, ATR-BC, is the 2016 recipient of the Distinguished Clinician Award—Adult Services. This honor is conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions of work with clients, rather than service to the Association or contributions to the field of art therapy in general. Martha, a student of Edith Kramer, first worked as an art therapist in child psychiatry in Brooklyn in 1972. She then worked

for 20 years at Yale-New Haven Hospital adolescent and young adult inpatient psychiatry unit. For the next 20 years she was art therapist and later director of the Giant Steps outpatient psychiatry program, VA Connecticut Healthcare System. In 1980 she started a small private practice which is on-going. She is a retired adjunct assistant professor at NYU, and has trained hundreds of art therapy students and interns. **READ MORE**



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Report on the 2016 International Conference on Mobile Brain-Body Imaging and the Neuroscience of Art, Creativity and Innovation in Cancun, Mexico



Juliet King MA, ATR-BC, LPC

It was an honor to attend and present at the 2016 International Conference on Mobile Brain-Body Imaging and the Neuroscience of Art, Creativity and Innovation in Cancun, Mexico this past July. Modern thinkers from around the world participated in thoughtful didactic and experiential dialogue that addressed the intersection of arts and sciences and the use of neuroimaging technology to assist in capturing the human brain during real time activities and interactions with the environment. The conference was organized into three main tracks: Neuroaesthetics, Arts and the Biology of Creativity; Cognitive, Medical and Pedagogical Applications; and Mobile Brain-Body Imaging (MoBI) Technologies. The individual presentations were 12-15 minutes in length and were followed with an open forum led by a moderator responsible for interactive Q&A. **READ MORE**

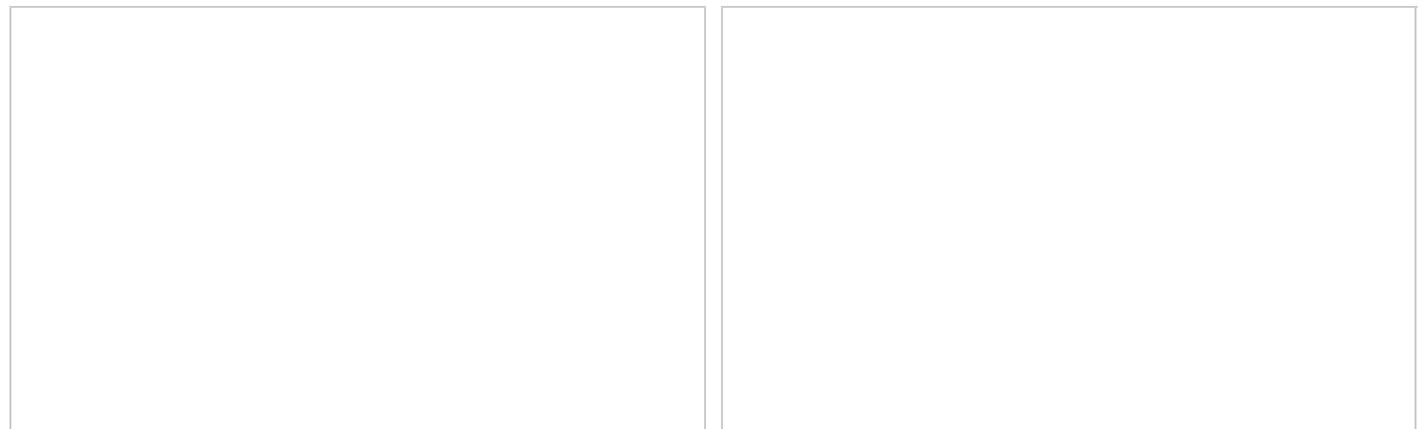
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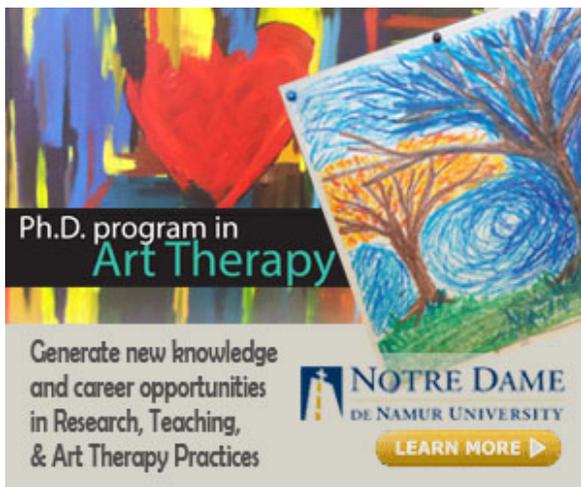


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The **Aug. 26, 2016 deadline is approaching for credentialed members** of the AATA to submit artwork contributing to the creation of a coloring book that will help raise public awareness of the art therapy profession. Importantly, this book will promote 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 (e.g., link to professional webpage). Click [here](#) for full details on how to [submit your artwork](#).

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Seeking Nominations for the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE)



Dana Elmendorf, ATR-BC, LPC, Chair of ACATE

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is currently seeking nominations for positions beginning November 2016. Expected vacancies will require art therapy educators, art therapy practitioners and a public member. Please consider nominating someone that you believe will work tirelessly to promote best practices for art therapy educational programs. Members of ACATE will be at the forefront for implementation of the new accreditation standards and will help to educate all art therapy education stakeholders. For more information, including position descriptions, roles and time commitments, visit the [ACATE webpage](#).

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Art therapy & lasting impressions: It may save a life



The Huffington Post

You never know who you will make a lifelong impression on. Working in mental health in the form of Art Therapy, from youth to the elderly, these individuals come from all walks of life. Their works of art come with profound attachment of a deep seeded memory of words that were said to them or actions taken upon them, and has in a sense, transformed them for better or worse. **READ MORE**

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Chronic disease patients use art therapy to cope with illnesses



CNYCentral.com

18-year-old Alexis Perreault of Canastota, New York, can hardly remember a time when she wasn't in the hospital. "There's lots of treatments, lots of meds and coming to the hospital 2 to 3 weeks at a time." said Perreault. She's been in and out of a hospital room since she was born, and has lost count of how many times she's been here. On a good day, she coughs just a handful of times. On the bad days it's seemingly endless. Wearing a vibrating vest is just part of her daily routine. The chest compression's help loosen the thick, sticky mucus from her lungs. Three times a day in the hospital. Twice a day when she's at home. During her treatments, Alexis looks for ways to escape. And for just a moment, forget. Brush stroke by brush stroke, any stress she has fades away. **READ MORE**

The healing aspects of creating art



Delta Optimist

Ever heard the saying, "art is good for the soul?" Facing medical issues involves far more than managing physical issues. From stress and anxiety, trauma from abuse or post-traumatic stress disorder, transitional life changes, grieving the loss of a loved one, or coping with a medical diagnosis, making art can have a lasting therapeutic effect both emotionally and physically. The creative process can help lower stress and anxiety, help us feel more relaxed, be a way to connect with ourselves and others, explore deep emotional issues, overcome negative thoughts, verbalize our fears, resolve emotional conflict, purge guilt, or reconcile restlessness and resentment. Visual art, music, dance, and writing are all vehicles for self-reflection and healing. **READ MORE**

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