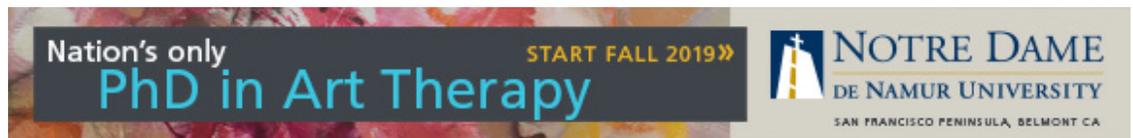


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AATA NEWS

3 Additional Art Therapy Graduate Programs Receive Accreditation!



AATA National Office

The AATA is thrilled to announce that three additional art therapy masters programs have been approved for accreditation through the [Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs \(CAAHEP\)](#). A warm congratulations to the art therapy programs at [Antioch University Seattle](#), [Florida State University](#), and [Saint Mary-of-the-Woods-College](#)! In their January meeting, the CAAHEP Board approved the accreditation recommendation by the [Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education \(ACATE\)](#) for these programs. Currently five art graduate programs have received initial accreditation, with [Albertus Magnus College](#) and [Edinboro University](#) having been approved in the fall of 2018. [READ MORE](#)

Follow Art Therapy Licensure Bills Introduced in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Tennessee!



AATA National Office

Now that most of the 2019 state legislative sessions have convened, the AATA is excited to announce that art therapy licensure bills have already been introduced in four states! These include: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Tennessee. Additionally, language making technical corrections to the existing art therapy license in Oregon has been included in an omnibus bill ([SB 29](#)). [READ MORE](#)

Conference News: Just One Week Left to Submit 50th Anniversary



Conference Proposals

Susan Boxer Kappel, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, CGP, Conference Chair



Don't miss the opportunity to share your work, best practice, research and other innovative art therapy clinical approaches with your colleagues at this year's Annual Conference. You have one week to submit your proposal for the 2019 Annual Conference. Join a prestigious collection of presenters at the AATA's 50th Annual Conference to be held October 30 to November 3, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri. **Submissions are due on February 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. ET.** Visit the [Proposal Submission site](#) to learn more. **READ MORE**

Introducing AATA's New Collaboration with SimplePractice



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The American Art Therapy Association is pleased to announce a new collaboration with SimplePractice, a comprehensive digital practice management platform tailored for health and wellness professionals, including art therapists. We look forward to working together to help our members simplify, build, and grow their practices. **READ MORE**

AATA Denounces Discriminatory School Policies



AATA National Office

As the nation's leading organization advancing art therapy and healing through art, the American Art Therapy Association is aware that Second Lady Karen Pence has returned to teaching art. While we support art education, we are very mindful that institutions still exist today that openly discriminate against LGBTQIA children, youth and families. The AATA would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our wholehearted embrace of the LGBTQIA community. **READ MORE**

Featured Member



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Rob Belgrod, ATR-BC, LCAT, works for [The Art Therapy Project](#), offering art therapy groups for adolescents in alternative high schools, adults in substance abuse treatment, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. He also supervises art therapy graduate students and does research with a group at Mount Sinai Beth Israel hospital. Having recently joined AATA's Membership Committee, Rob is excited to "support growing the Association's membership, specifically advocating for more men to pursue careers in art therapy." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Art Therapy Helps Dementia Patients Reclaim Identity Through Memory



WGCU-FM

When it comes to treating patients with Alzheimers disease or another form of dementia, should caregivers be doing more to treat the person and not just the disease? We'll talk with Art Therapist and Director of Education at the Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida, Angel Duncan, about her recently published article in the Journal of Neurology and Neurological Disorders titled "Identity in Memory: Ascertaining Consciousness beyond Dementia." **READ MORE**



These 5 Art Majors Found Fulfilling Work in Creative Fields. You Can Too



The Penny Hoarder

The image of a struggling artist is one we're all familiar with — and while it can be challenging for artists to find steady work, many artists enjoy job stability in a role in which they can express their creativity. People who get a degree in fine arts go on to fill a wide range of professional roles, from illustrators and video game artists to interior decorators and graphic designers. We spoke with several creative graduates to learn what unique roles they've achieved with their art degrees. **READ MORE**

British Doctors May Soon Write Prescriptions For Dance, Art Or Music Lessons



The Washington Post

What if you were ill and instead of — or along with — a prescription for a pharmaceutical drug, your doctor wrote a prescription for a music, dance or painting class? Doctors in Britain may soon start prescribing such activities for a range of illnesses, according to a plan recently announced by British Health Secretary Matt Hancock.

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Students Take Art Therapy Journey With Alzheimer's Patients



Indiana University

A simple image of an airplane, cut from a magazine, prompted fond memories for a woman whose memory is fleeting due to Alzheimer's disease. The photo was then placed in a collage with the help of a student. It was a moving moment for Makenzie Quinn. "I learned that the art product wasn't the goal, or the benefit. It was the journey that the art making took us on that provided therapeutic gains," she said. "It was about the memories that came up, the movement, the social aspect, or just being free, creative, and happy for the moment." **READ MORE**

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