

THE ORGANIZATION

The American Art Therapy Association, Inc. (AATA), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1969, is a national association that represents a membership of approximately 4,500 professionals and students. It is governed and directed by a 11-member Board, elected by the membership. AATA has established standards for art therapy education, ethics, and practice: AATA committees actively work on governmental affairs, clinical issues, and professional development. AATA's dedication to continuing

education and research is demonstrated through annual national conferences and regional symposia, publications, videos, and awards.

AATA MISSION STATEMENT

The American Art Therapy Association, Inc. (AATA) is an organization of professionals dedicated to the belief that the creative process involved in the making of art is healing and life enhancing.

Its mission is to serve its members and the general public by providing standards of professional competence, and developing and promoting knowledge in, and of, the field of art therapy.

ART THERAPY: DEFINITION OF THE PROFESSION

Art therapy is the therapeutic use of art making, within a professional relationship, by people who experience illness, trauma, or challenges in living, and by people who seek personal development. Through creating art and reflecting on the art products and processes, people can increase awareness of self and others, cope with symptoms, stress, and traumatic experiences; enhance cognitive abilities; and enjoy the life-affirming pleasures of making art.

Art therapists are professionals trained in both art and therapy. They are knowledgeable about human development, psychological theories, clinical practice, spiritual, multicultural and artistic traditions, and the healing potential of art. They use art in treatment, assessment and research, and provide consultations to allied professionals. Art therapists work with people of all ages: individuals, couples, families groups and communities. They provide services, individually and as part of clinical teams, in settings that include mental health, rehabilitation, medical and forensic institutions; community outreach programs; wellness centers; schools; nursing homes; corporate structures; open studios and independent practices.

The American Art Therapy Association, Inc. (AATA) sets educational, professional, and ethical standards for its members. The Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc. (ATCB), an independent organization, grants credentials. Registration (ATR) is granted upon completion of graduate education and post-graduate supervised experience. Board Certification (ATR-BC) is granted to Registered Art Therapists who pass a written examination, and is maintained through continuing education. Some states regulate the practice of art therapy and in many states art therapists can become licensed as counselors or mental health therapists.

CHAPTERS

AATA chapters have been established throughout the United States. Chapters conduct meetings and activities that promote the field of art therapy on a local level. Chapters provide a forum for addressing professional issues as well as a network for members working toward common goals. The Assembly of Chapters provides information and support to chapter members at the local level. *You must be an AATA member to become a chapter member.* Contact the AATA National Office or the AATA web site at www.arttherapy.org for state chapter information.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Publications

- *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association* (published quarterly).
- *AATA Newsletter* (published quarterly).
- Substantial discounts on AATA publications (e.g., Annual Conference Proceedings, professional journals, videos, and Membership Directory).
- AATA literature (e.g., Educational Program List, Standards of Practice, and mailings of professional interest).

Services

- Insurance, including professional liability, major medical, life, and disability through Seabury & Smith.
- Access to national experts in art therapy.

AATA Meetings

- Discounts on registration fees to AATA national conferences and regional symposia.

Nationwide Advocacy

- Governmental affairs activities including congressional review and monitoring.
- State legislative and regulatory activities.
- Promotion of recognition and reimbursement of art therapists by third party payers.
- National liaison with related professional organizations for recognition and promotion of art therapy.

Professional Standards

- Development of Model Job Description and recommendations for licensing standards.
- Development and implementation of National Education Standards for approval of graduate level art therapy programs.
- Development and implementation of nationally recognized *Standards of Practice* and *Ethical Principles for Art Therapists*.

AATA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

AATA and ATCB are administratively independent. Membership in AATA and Registration (ATR) with the ATCB require separate application and approval. *ATR Registration applications are available from the ATCB at 1-877-213-2822 (toll free).*

For **new** AATA Associate, Student, and Contributing Members only,

please follow the dates below when submitting membership applications. **Applications received between: January 1 to May 31:** Full dues payment; membership expires December 31 of the same year. **June 1 to September 30:** Half-year dues plus \$5.00 payment; membership expires December 31 of the same year. **October 1 to December 31:** Full dues payment; membership for remainder of the current year and the next full year. The membership year is the calendar year January 1 to December 31.

Professional—Approved Professional Members may vote, hold office, and serve on committees. Professional Member applicants must submit a Professional Membership application and be duly approved for AATA membership by a review process.

- **Professional Member**—Individuals who have completed graduate level educational training in art therapy will be an Associate Member until a Professional Membership application has been reviewed and approved. Professional Membership applications are available at www.arttherapy.org. AATA's annual dues are \$145.00 per year.
- **Credentialed Professional Member**—Individuals who are registered by the Art Therapies Credentials Board (ATCB) as an ATR or an ATR-BC may submit a current ATCB registration card to AATA (in lieu of completing an AATA Professional Membership application) and will be accepted as an AATA Credentialed Professional Member. AATA's annual dues are \$145.00 per year.
 - *The registration fees for the ATR and the ATR-BC credentials are billed on an annual basis by the ATCB.*
 - *ATR and ATR-BC applications are provided, reviewed, and approved by the ATCB. For more information, contact the ATCB at 1-877-213-2822 (toll free).*

Associate—Individuals interested in the therapeutic use of art who support the purposes and objectives of AATA. This category is not open to Master's level art therapy program graduates. Associates may not vote, hold office, or serve on committees. Dues are \$145.00 per year.

Student—Individuals who are currently taking full-time coursework in art therapy or a related field. A current statement from the institution of learning indicating full-time status and coursework content (6 graduate or 12 undergraduate credits) is required. Student members may not vote or hold office, but may serve on such committees as the Board of Directors may delegate. Dues are \$65.00 per year.

Contributing—Individuals who contribute annually to AATA. Contributing members may not vote, hold office, or serve on committees. Dues are \$190.00 per year.

Institutional—Organizations, institutions, or foundations that contribute annually to AATA. Such members may not vote, hold office, or serve on committees. Dues are \$500.00 per year.

Retired—Individuals who are at least 65 years of age and who are no longer practicing. Retired Associates receive publications. Retired Professionals receive publications, may vote, and hold office. Application provided upon request. The service fee is \$70.00 per year.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip+4 _____ Phone(____) _____
E-mail Address _____
Business Address _____
Business Phone(____) _____
Employer _____
Job Title _____
Licenses Held & State _____
Visa/MasterCard# _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____
Preferred Mailing List: Home Business

International AATA applicants (excluding Canada and Mexico) must include an additional \$17.50 above required dues payment to cover the international postage cost.

Membership renewed after one full lapsed year will be charged a \$25.00 reinstatement fee. A \$15.00 late fee will be charged to members who renew yearly dues after March 15 to cover cost of postage and handling for mailing of missed journals and newsletters.

Please indicate under which category you are applying:

- \$145.00 Professional Membership**—See Professional Membership criteria. Professional Membership applicants will be an Associate Member upon Professional Membership application approval.
 - Send a Professional Membership application.
- \$145.00 Credentialed Professional Membership (ATR and ATR-BC)**—See Credentialed Professional Membership criteria.
- \$145.00 Associate Membership**—See Associate Membership criteria.
- \$65.00 Student Membership**—See Student Membership criteria for necessary documents to accompany each application.
- \$70.00 Retired Membership Service Fee**—See Retired Membership criteria.
- \$190.00 Contributing Membership**
- \$500.00 Institutional Membership**

Please make checks and money orders payable in U.S. funds. Canada, Mexico, and international checks and money orders must be bank drafted in U.S. funds. Mail to: American Art Therapy Association, Inc., 1202 Allanson Road, Mundelein, IL 60060-3808, 1-888-290-0878 (toll free), 847-949-6064, Fax: 847-566-4580, E-mail: info@arttherapy.org, Web Site: www.arttherapy.org.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY.

Education and Licenses (list all licenses in all states)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate Degree | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Professional Counselor |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Social Worker |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Psychologist |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Professional Nurse or Registered Nurse |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Professional Art Therapist (list state/states) _____ | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist _____ | |

Work Setting (please check only one)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> School System |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Care Facility |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Day Treatment Center | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> College/University |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Training Prog. |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered Workshop | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Institute Training Prog. |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Correctional Facility | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling Center |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Treatment | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice |
| 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient Mental Health | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Area(s) of Specialization (please check up to three)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Gerontology |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents, Hospitalized | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice/Terminally Ill |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents, Psychiatric | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disability |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Adults, Hospitalized | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Retardation |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Adults, Psychiatric | 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Disease |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Art History | 19 <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Therapy Education | 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Post Traumatic Stress |
| 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Therapy in Schools | 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Psychotherapy |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Hospitalized | 22 <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation |
| 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Psychiatric | 23 <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | 24 <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse |
| 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Eating Disorders | 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art |
| 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Families | 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Voluntary Information

Age

- 1 20-24
- 2 25-29
- 3 30-34
- 4 35-39
- 5 40-44
- 6 45-49
- 7 50-54
- 8 55-59
- 9 60+

Gender

- 1 Female
- 2 Male

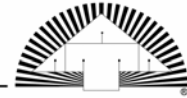
Salary Range

- 1 Under \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000-14,999
- 3 \$15,000-19,999
- 4 \$20,000-24,999
- 5 \$25,000-29,999
- 6 \$30,000-34,999
- 7 \$35,000-39,999
- 8 \$40,000-44,999
- 9 \$45,000-49,999
- 10 \$50,000+

Hours Worked/Week

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0-10 | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 31-40 |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 41+ |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 | |

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INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP