

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE - ART THERAPY

§17–101. Definitions.

- (d) “Art therapy” means the integrated use of psychotherapeutic principles, art media, and the creative process to assist individuals, families, or groups in:
- (1) Increasing awareness of self and others;
 - (2) Coping with symptoms, stress, and traumatic experiences;
 - (3) Enhancing cognitive abilities; and
 - (4) Identifying and assessing clients’ needs in order to implement therapeutic intervention to meet developmental, behavioral, mental, and emotional needs.
- (l) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, one of six types of licenses issued by the Board authorizing an individual to practice:
- (1) Clinical alcohol and drug counseling;
 - (2) Clinical marriage and family therapy;
 - (3) Clinical professional art therapy;
 - (4) Clinical professional counseling;
 - (5) Graduate alcohol and drug counseling;
 - (6) Graduate marriage and family therapy;
 - (7) Graduate professional art therapy; or
 - (8) Graduate professional counseling.
- (o) “Licensed graduate professional art therapist” means an individual approved by the Board to practice graduate professional art therapy.
- (u) “Practice clinical professional art therapy” means to engage professionally and for compensation in art therapy and appraisal activities by providing services involving the application of art therapy principles and methods in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of psychological problems and emotional or mental conditions of individuals or groups.
- (y) “Practice graduate professional art therapy” means to practice clinical professional art therapy:
- (1) Under the supervision of a licensed clinical professional art therapist or another health care provider licensed under this article, as approved by the Board; and
 - (2) While fulfilling the requirements for supervised experience under § 17–304.1 of this title..

§17–304.1. Qualifications – clinical professional art therapists.

- (a) Except as provided in §§ 17–304.2 and 17–307.1 of this subtitle, to qualify for a license to practice clinical professional art therapy, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.
- (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.
- (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.
- (d) (1) The applicant shall hold a master’s or doctoral degree in art therapy from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board.
- (2) In the case of an applicant holding a doctoral degree, the applicant shall have completed:
- (i) A minimum of 90 graduate credit hours in an art therapy program accredited by the American Art Therapy Association and approved by the Board; and
 - (ii) Not less than 2 years of supervised experience in art therapy approved by the Board, 1 year of which shall have been completed after the award of the doctoral degree.
- (3) In the case of an applicant holding only a master’s degree, the applicant shall have completed:
- (i) A minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in an art therapy program accredited by the American Art Therapy Association and approved by the Board; and
 - (ii) Not less than 3 years, with a minimum of 3,000 hours, of supervised experience in art therapy approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master’s degree.
- (e) The applicant shall provide documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of 60 hours of graduate course work in art therapy from an accredited college or university program that is accredited by the American Art Therapy Association, approved by the Board, and includes training in:
- (1) Personality development;
 - (2) Diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders;
 - (3) Psychopathology;
 - (4) Psychotherapy;
 - (5) Marriage and family therapy;
 - (6) Addictions; and
 - (7) Lifestyle and career development.

- (f) The applicant shall provide documentation evidencing the completion of 2 years of postgraduate supervised experience as required by the Board.
- (g) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass the Art Therapy Credentials Board Exam.

§17–304.2. Waiver of Requirements – Practice of licensed clinical professional art therapist.

The Board shall waive the requirements for the practice of licensed clinical professional art therapy under § 17–304.1(d) through (g) of this subtitle if, on or before October 1, 2014, the applicant provides the Board with documentation showing:

- (1) Current certification by the Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc.; and
- (2) Completion of 3 years of full-time experience providing art therapy.

§17–309. Supervised clinical practice. (LGADC, LGPC, LGMFT, LGPAT)

(a) The Board may adopt regulations to allow an individual to practice under supervision as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional counselor, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist.

(b) To qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional counselor, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist, an individual shall be:

- (1) Of good moral character; and
- (2) At least 18 years old.

(c) An individual may practice graduate alcohol and drug counseling under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:

- (1) A master's or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field that meets the educational requirements of § 17–302 of this subtitle; and
- (2) Passed the National Alcohol and Drug Counselor Examination approved by the Board.

(d) An individual may practice graduate marriage and family therapy under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:

- (1) A master's or doctoral degree in a marriage and family field that meets the educational requirements of § 17–303 of this subtitle; and
- (2) Passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy Examination approved by the Board.

(e) An individual may practice graduate professional counseling under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has:

- (1) A master's or doctoral degree in a professional counseling field that meets the educational requirements of § 17–304 of this subtitle; and
- (2) Passed the National Professional Counselor Examination approved by the Board.

(f) An individual may practice graduate professional art therapy under supervision for a limited period of time if the individual has a master's or doctoral degree in art therapy that meets the educational requirements of § 17–304.1 of this subtitle.

(g) An individual may not practice without approval by the Board.