

To practice **Art Therapy** professionally, students must receive a Master in Art Therapy or a combination Master in Counseling and Art Therapy. The following is a recommended course of study that will prepare students to be strong candidates for graduate programs in Art Therapy based on the recommendations of the American Art Therapy Association. Field placements will also give students a familiarity with the practice and wide range of applications in the Art Therapy field.

For students considering a career in Art Therapy, it is recommended that you complete a major in Art and either a major or minor in Psychology. Studio focus should be on drawing, painting, ceramics and sculpture. Psychology coursework should include PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology, PSYC204 Research Design and Analysis I, PSYC265 Abnormal Psychology, PSYC251 Child and Adolescent Development, PSYC267 Psychology of Personality, and PSYC380 Introduction to Counseling.

It is strongly recommended that you participate in field placement and internship opportunities. To do so, contact Dr. Barbara Keyes, Director of the Institute for Healthcare Professions and the Human Services Concentration. Consideration should also be given to applying to the Institute or completing the Concentration.