

Registered Art Therapist Option C

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Adopted Revised Standards
and Application Procedures for Registration

Use this application form if you completed post-master's
art therapy education that did not lead to a master's degree
(e.g., if you completed a post-master's certificate program).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: September 1, 2010 is the final date by
which completed Option C applications must be postmarked in
order to be considered.

2009 APPLICATION

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ethical practice of art therapy.

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Option C Requirements

Option C is for applicants who have completed a master's degree in a related discipline and post-master's study in art therapy that did not lead to a master's degree (e.g., a post-master's certificate program). **Note:** September 1, 2010 is the final date by which completed Option C applications must be postmarked in order to be considered for review.

Education Required

Option C applicants must provide official transcripts that document completion of:

- ◆ a master's degree in art therapy or a related field.
- ◆ a minimum of 24 graduate semester credits (or 34 quarter credits) in art therapy core curriculum (not including credits earned for practicum/internship). These 24 credits should have been earned in addition to a master's degree in a related field and not in the context of a master's degree. (Related fields are counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, psychology, addictions counseling, psychiatric nursing, and psychiatry.) These 24 credits must include the following content:
 - history of art therapy
 - techniques of practice in art therapy
 - psychopathology
 - ethical and legal issues of art therapy practice
 - matters of cultural and social diversity bearing on the practice of art therapy.
 - standards of good art therapy practice
 - theory of art therapy;
 - application of art therapy with people in different treatment settings
 - art therapy assessment

Applicants must provide copies of college catalog descriptions of courses claimed to fulfill the art therapy core curriculum.

- ◆ a minimum of 700 hours of supervised art therapy practicum/internship, including a minimum of 350 hours of direct provision of art therapy services to individuals, groups, and/or families. The remaining hours may include supervision, case review, record keeping, preparation, staff meetings, and other administrative functions. Supervision must be provided by a current ATR or ATR-BC. One (1) hour of individual supervision and/or two (2) hours of group supervision must be documented for every 10 hours of practicum/internship. A ratio of eight (8) students to one (1) ATR or ATR-BC supervisor may not be exceeded for group supervision.

In addition, Option C applicants must provide documentation of completion of:

- ◆ 15 semester credits* (or 22 quarter credits) in studio art. These may be undergraduate or graduate level courses. *Applicants wishing to fulfill some or all of the studio art requirements outside of traditional academic settings must document 45 clock hours of studio time as equivalent to three (3) semester credits. This documentation must be in the form of a signed letter (on letterhead) from the instructor.
- ◆ 12 semester credits (or 18 quarter credits) in psychology (including abnormal and developmental psychology). These may be undergraduate or graduate level courses.

Post-education Experience Required

Applicants under Option C must provide Verification of Post-education Experience Form(s) documenting:

- ◆ a minimum of 1,500 hours of supervised direct client contact hours using art therapy. (Hours used to complete administrative tasks cannot be included for the purpose of obtaining the ATR.)
- ◆ Additional hours may be supervised by a licensed or credentialed practitioner with a master's degree or higher in art therapy or a related mental health field. (Related fields are counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, psychology, addictions counseling, psychiatric nursing, and psychiatry.)

To obtain experience in a private practice setting, the applicant must be a licensed or certified practitioner in another psychotherapeutic discipline or working under the direct on-site supervision of a current ATR or ATR-BC.

Applicants who have training from outside the United States must have a course-by-course equivalency review completed at their own expense. The Equivalency must be conducted by an ATCB-approved reviewing organization and forwarded directly to ATCB's national office.

All application materials must be submitted in English. If application materials are not available in English, applicants must arrange to have an English translation provided at their own expense. ATCB accepts translations from University Language Services (www.universitylanguage.com). The translation must be forwarded directly by University Language Services to ATCB.

References

Applicants under Option C must submit three (3) Reference forms and supporting letters from a combination of the following professionals:

- ◆ at least one (1) current ATR or ATR-BC who can support the applicant's competency for registration as an art therapist.
- ◆ an applicant's supervisor who possesses a credential or state license and who is familiar with the applicant's work performance and applied art therapy skills.
- ◆ a professional who can provide a reference pertaining to the applicant's work performance and art therapy skills. Supervisors completing the Verification of Post-education Experience form may also complete a Reference Form. In this case, the supervisor **MUST** complete both forms **AND** send in a letter of reference.

Fees

Application Fee

Application Fee for Option C \$125.00

Annual Maintenance Fee

Annual Maintenance Fee for ATRs who are members of AATA** \$ 50.00

****Please submit a copy of your current AATA membership ID card with your payment.**

Annual Maintenance Fee for ATRs who are not members of AATA \$100.00

All fees are nonrefundable, nontransferable, and subject to change.

Submission of an application and fees does not guarantee approval.

How To Maintain Your ATR

Only applicants who have been approved for registration by the Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc., are legally entitled to use the Registered Art Therapist (ATR) credential as evidence of their professional status. Fraudulent use of the ATR credential may subject the user to legal action. An invoice for the annual maintenance fee will be sent out in May of each year and payment is due by June 30th. In order to retain your credential, a maintenance fee must be paid annually. If the maintenance fee is not paid within 120 days, your credential will be placed into "lapsed" status.

ATRs who have not paid their maintenance fees will be placed in "lapsed" status. If the lapse is for less than three (3) years, the credential can be reinstated by paying all back maintenance and late fees. If the lapse is three (3) or more years, reapplication for ATR status under current standards will be required. Continued registration is also subject to compliance with the ATCB Code of Professional Practice.

Submitting Your Application

- ◆ Your application must be complete before it is submitted. Applications that are missing any information or missing payment will not be reviewed. Photocopied or facsimile application forms will not be accepted.
- ◆ All documentation, including a photocopy of your current AATA membership ID card (if you are a member), must be enclosed.
- ◆ All application materials must be submitted in English. If application materials are not available in English, applicants must arrange to have an English translation provided at their own expense. ATCB accepts translations from University Language Services (www.universitylanguage.com). The translation must be forwarded directly by University Language Services to ATCB.
- ◆ Only applications from the current year will be accepted.
- ◆ All applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received.
- ◆ Option C applications are reviewed by a committee of current ATR-BCs. Once complete application materials are received, the information will be forwarded to the committee for review. Review times vary, but typically the process takes a minimum of eight (8) weeks.
In an effort to expedite the review process, we ask that applicants not call to confirm receipt of application materials. We will notify you via postcard when we have received your application and placed it under review. We will also notify you if we find that additional information is needed.

Mail your application to:

Art Therapy Credentials Board • 3 Terrace Way • Greensboro, North Carolina 27403-3660

Board Certification (ATR-BC)

In order to take the ATCB Board Certification exam, you must hold the ATR credential and be in good standing with the ATCB. To obtain more information, visit the ATCB's web site at www.atcb.org. You can also contact us by e-mail at atcb@nbcc.org, call us toll free at (877) 213-ATCB (2822), or fax us at (336) 482-2852.

ATR Registration Application (continued)

10. Education

A master's degree is required for ATR registration. Please list the academic institution where you received your master's degree. Include a sealed, official graduate transcript that identifies the title of the degree conferred upon you. Also include sealed, official transcripts that indicate completion of any other related coursework.

College/University (include City and State)	Degree	Major	Date Conferred

Check YES or NO to the following questions. You must be able to truthfully answer YES to all in order to qualify for the ATR credential.

	Yes	No
Do you have a master's degree (or higher) in art therapy or a related field?		
Do you have 15 semester credits (or 22 quarter credits) in studio art?		
Do you have 12 semester credits (or 18 quarter credits) in psychology (including developmental and abnormal psychology)?		
Do you have 24 graduate semester credits in art therapy core curriculum (equal to 34 quarter credits)? This does not include credits earned for practicum/internship.		
Did you complete a 700 hour practicum/internship?		
Was your art therapy practicum/internship taught, supervised, or advised by a current ATR or ATR-BC?		

11. Disciplinary History: Has any disciplinary action been taken against you within the last 10 years by any of the following?

	Yes	No
Governmental Authority (e.g., professional licensing board)		
Third-party insurance carrier		
Professional association or organization		
Credentialing board		
Have you voluntarily surrendered an active professional license within the last 10 years pending the outcome of a hearing?		
Are you the subject of pending disciplinary action from a professional licensure/credentialing board or association?		
Have you been convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor?		
Have you been placed on a governmental abuse registry?		

If you answered YES to any of the items in Section 11, please attach an explanation and supporting documentation, including the complaint filed and sanctions issued (if any), in a sealed envelope marked DISCIPLINARY HISTORY.

12. I attest that the information I have supplied on this application and accompanying worksheet(s) and documentation is accurate. I have read and agree to abide by the ATCB Code of Professional Practice.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Be sure to include the payment voucher on page 12 with your application and documents.
For more information on fees, see page 3.

Option C: Photocopy this BLANK form as needed.

Applicant's Name: (Last, First)

Your supervisor must complete this form and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his or her signature across the flap. Include the sealed envelope with your application materials. **DO NOT SEND SEPARATELY.** Include supervisor's résumé if he or she is not a current ATR or ATR-BC.

PARTS I, II, AND III TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S SUPERVISOR

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. DO NOT USE PENCIL.

Part I - Supervisor's Information

1. Supervisor's Full Name: _____
2. Title: _____
3. Degree/Discipline: _____
4. ATR # (if you did not hold your ATR or ATR-BC during the entire time you provided supervision, please submit a resume and answer question 5 below):
5. Degree and License/Credential held during the entire time you provided supervision (must meet requirements specified on page 2.)
 Degree: _____ License: _____
6. Name of Institution: _____
7. Department: _____
8. Title of Program: _____
9. Address: _____
10. City/ State/ Zip Code: _____
11. Daytime Phone: _____ Ext: _____

Part II - About Applicant's Hours

Dates of Experience	From (mm/dd/yy)	To (mm/dd/yy)
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Type of Hours	Hours Per Week	Total Hours
Experience Hours		
Direct Contact Hours		
Supervision Hours		

Total Number of Weeks:	
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SUPERVISOR:

Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap.

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