

ART THERAPY

CREDENTIALS BOARD, INC.

Art Therapy Credentials Board Credentials at a Glance

Credential	Acronym	First Conferred*	Credential Features**	Credential Maintenance Requirements
Registered Art Therapist-Provisional	ATR-P	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For recent MA/MS graduates/new professionals • ATR-Ps meets established MA/MS educational standards • ATR-Ps practice under an approved clinical supervisor • ATR-P credential is not required in order to qualify for the ATR credential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with the ATCB <i>Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures</i> • ATR-P credential is valid for five years • ATR-P cannot be renewed after five years • Complete the renewal process (ethics attestation, etc.) every year • Pay the annual maintenance fee
Registered Art Therapist	ATR	1970*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For MA/MS graduates who have practiced art therapy a minimum 1,000 hours of post-education direct provision of art therapy services and met established standards of clinical supervision with an approved clinical supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with the ATCB <i>Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures</i> • Complete the renewal process (ethics attestation, etc.) every year • Pay the annual maintenance fee
Board-certified, Registered Art Therapist†	ATR-BC	1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest art therapy practice credential • ATR-BCs passed a scientifically-produced, statistically-vetted examination, thereby demonstrating knowledge of the theories and clinical skills used in art therapy • Art therapists must hold the ATR credential in good standing in order to sit for the ATCB Examination • ATR-BC credential is required to provide supervision to art therapists seeking the ATR credential, effective beginning art therapists who complete their MA/MS degree as of January 1, 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with the ATCB <i>Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures</i> • Recertify (verify completion of CEUs) every five years • Accumulate a minimum of 100 hours of qualifying continuing education, including 6 hours in Ethics, during every five-year recertification period that the art therapist practices • Comply with audit of continuing education activities, if designated • Complete the renewal process (ethics attestation, etc.) every year • Pay the annual maintenance fee

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Certified Art Therapy Supervisor	ATCS	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granted to experienced art therapists who provide clinical supervision and have met specific educational/training requirements • Granted to art therapists who have maintained in good standing the ATR-BC credential a minimum of two years • ATCS credential is not required to provide supervision to art therapists seeking the ATR credential • ATCS credential holder must provide a Professional Disclosure Statement to supervisees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with the ATCB <i>Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures</i> • Recertify every five years, coinciding with recertification of the ATR-BC credential • Complete the renewal process (ethics attestation, etc.) every year • Accumulate a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education in theory and technique of clinical supervision or combination of continuing education and supervision of supervision verification, during every five-year recertification period • Pay the annual maintenance fee

*The ATR credential was first instituted by the American Art Therapy Association. The ATR credential has been managed and conferred by the Art Therapy Credentials Board since 1993.

**For more information about the ATR-P credential, see www.atcb.org/resource/pdf/ATRProvisional_ApplicationHandbook.pdf

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For more information about the ATCS credential, see www.atcb.org/resource/pdf/ATCS_ApplicationHandbook.pdf

†Art therapists who have passed the ATCB Examination for state licensure do not necessarily hold the ATR-BC credential.

Only those individuals who have applied and been approved for credentialing by the Art Therapy Credentials Board, Inc., are legally entitled to use the credential designations (ATR-P, ATR, ATR-BC, ATCS) as evidence of their professional status. Fraudulent use of the ATCB credential may subject the user to legal action.

