16.27.7.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Regulation and Licensing Department Counseling and Therapy Practice Board

16.27.7.2 SCOPE: All individuals applying for licensure as professional art therapists.

16.27.7.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: These parts are promulgated pursuant to the Counselor and Therapist Practice Act, Section 61-9A-3, 5, 13, and 15, NMSA 1978.

16.27.7.4 DURATION: Permanent

16.27.7.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2001 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

16.27.7.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of Part 7 is to state the minimum requirements for licensure as a professional art therapist and to list the documentation required for application.

16.27.7.7 DEFINITIONS: [Reserved]

16.27.7.8 APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION:

A. Supervision must be provided by a licensed professional clinical mental health counselor (LPCC), licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), licensed art therapist (LPAT), licensed psychologist, licensed psychiatrist, or licensed independent social worker (LISW). Appropriate supervisors must have education and experience in art therapy.

B. It is the responsibility of the individual seeking supervision to assure the supervision is acceptable for the level of licensure.
16.27.7.9 [Reserved]

16.27.7.10 **APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE: AS A PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPIST (LPAT) MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WITH THE APPLICATION:** A licensed professional art therapist (LPAT) must possess the following qualifications and provide the required documentation with the application:

A. **Age requirement.** Be at least 21 years of age.

B. **Applicant must sign a statement provided in the application indicating the applicant has read the code of ethics and agrees to be bound and governed by the code of ethics.**

C. **Education requirements.** Holds a masters or doctoral degree in art therapy, counseling or counseling related field from an accredited institution or nationally approved art therapy program with a total of no less than forty eight (48) graduate semester hours or seventy-two (72) quarter hours in the art therapy core curriculum as defined in 16.27.7.11 NMAC:

D. **Experience requirements:**

   (1) a minimum of two years postgraduate professional art therapy experience;

   (2) evidence of having participated in a total of three thousand (3,000) hours of postgraduate clinical client contact and one hundred (100) hours of appropriate face-to-face postgraduate supervision; seven hundred (700) clinical client contact hours may be from the applicant’s internship or practicum.

E. **Application fee of $75.00.**

F. **Is of good moral character with conduct consistent with the code of ethics.**

[16.27.7.10 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.6.8, 6-15-01; A, 7-1-04; A, 2-10-06; A, 1-15-07]

16.27.7.11 **ART THERAPY CORE CURRICULUM:** Means a curriculum for training art therapists that includes a minimum of forty-eight (48) semester graduate hours or seventy-two (72) quarter hours of graduate level coursework and consists of the following areas of graduate studies.

A. **History of art therapy:** A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework. Course content deals with origins, historical development, and major theoretical trends in art therapy.
B. Theories of art therapy: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework. Included in the course content are differentiation of art therapy from other mental health and educational professions, major theories, and practical applications.

C. Techniques in art therapy: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework which explores various art therapy techniques and interventions. The coursework may examine art therapy processes and approaches appropriate for different diagnostic and presenting problems based on the DSM IV criteria and/or art based assessments.

D. Application of art therapy with different populations in a variety of treatment settings: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework which examines the therapeutic relationship in working with various client populations using art therapy. The coursework may examine individual, group, conjoint, and family art therapy as it applies to child, adolescent, and adult populations.

E. Art therapy assessment: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework which introduces clinical diagnostic profiles and criteria as it applies to the art image.

F. Ethical and legal issues of art therapy practice: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework which explores the philosophical origins and clinical application of professional ethics.

G. Standards of practice in art therapy: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework designed to review art therapy practice procedures and case consultation. The coursework may include therapeutic processes, legal considerations, licensure requirements, self care, and case collaborations.

H. Cultural diversity issues relevant to art therapy practice: A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate coursework which studies the practice of art therapy in the context of cultural diversity. Content includes assessment, therapeutic strategies, and creative interventions appropriate for different cultural populations.

I. Thesis or written and oral comps.

J. Related core curriculum: The remaining graduate coursework includes psychopathology and diagnostics, human growth and development, group dynamics, research, and studio art to satisfy the 45-hour requirement.

[16.27.7.11 NMAC - N, 6-15-01; A, 1-15-07; A, 11-19-07]

16.27.7.12 EXAMINATION: Applicants must demonstrate professional competency by passing the art therapy credentials board certification examination (ATCBE).

[16.27.7.12 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.6.9, 6-15-01; A, 2-10-06]
16.27.7.13 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE:

A. A completed application as specified in 16.27.3.8 NMAC.

B. Proof of education and experience:
   
   (1) The applicant is required to submit an official transcript in a sealed envelope from each institution contributing to the applicant's master or doctoral degree a total of no less than forty-eight (48) semester hours or seventy two (72) quarter hours which includes the required 48 clinical core curriculum.
   
   (2) A statement from each supervisor in a sealed envelope on a form provided by the board (attachment B) verifying the applicant's supervised experience and setting forth the nature and extent of such supervision must be submitted with the application; the statement shall verify that the applicant's performance was in accordance with adequate counseling and therapy standards of practice; if a supervisor's statement is not available, the applicant may submit documentation explaining why the supervisor's statement is not available and sworn affidavits from other individuals verifying that supervision took place and describing the nature and the extent of the supervision.
   
   (3) Documentation of three thousand (3000) client contact hours and one hundred (100) hours of appropriate face-to-face supervision.
   
   (4) Attachment E, listing only specific graduate coursework. A course syllabus and actual course catalogue descriptions for all courses must be included (applies only to applicants who hold counseling or counseling related field degree).
   
   (5) Documentation of the applicant's licensure, registration or certification status must be submitted on application attachment form A, which must be sent directly to the board by the jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed, certified, or registered.
   
   (6) Application fee of $75.00.

[16.27.7.13 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.6.10, 6-15-01; A, 7-1-04; A, 2-10-06; A, 1-15-07; A, 11-19-07]

16.27.7.14 LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY:

A. Submit a completed application per 16.27.3.8 NMAC.

B. Verification (attachment A) that the applicant holds and has held a current license for five years issued by the appropriate examining board under the law of any other state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or any foreign nation.

C. Verification that the applicant is in good standing with no disciplinary action pending or brought against the applicant within the past five years.
D. Holds masters or doctoral degree in counseling or a counseling-related field from an accredited institution.

E. Application fee of $75.00.

F. Applicants who do not meet the licensure by reciprocity must meet the current licensure requirements.

[16.27.7.14 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 27.9.8&9, 6-15-01; A, 7-1-04; A, 2-10-06; A, 1-15-07]

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