



ONTARIO ART THERAPY ASSOCIATION

Eligibility Requirements for Registration with the Ontario Art Therapy Association

1. Applications for Registered Status with the Ontario Art Therapy Association (OATA) are accepted three times a year: **January 1, April 1 and September 1.**
2. The applicant must be a **Professional member** in good standing with the OATA for a **minimum of 6 months prior** to the beginning of the application process.
3. The applicant must provide a record of the **1000 paid direct-client art therapy hours** required for registration. For the purpose of registration, these hours are accumulated only AFTER graduating from an Art Therapy institute and are to be PAID/DIRECT-CLIENT art therapy hours. These hours are to be supervised by an approved Registered Art Therapist.
(See attachment 1: sample "record of hours" sheet, client sessions)
4. All Registered Art Therapists providing **supervision** for candidates **must be approved by OATA standards.** The supervisor must have registration status for at least 5 years, be currently practicing in the field of art therapy and be in good standing with either the OATA or AATA. The designated supervisor must complete an application form which can be obtained through the OATA Registration Chair.
5. If the applicant is accumulating hours from more than 1 agency, or has several Art Therapy supervisors, they should be aware of the documentation and signatures required at the time of termination (to alleviate the problem of acquiring these later). The appropriate forms are provided in the Registration Package and can be requested from the Registration Chair if required in advance.
(See attachment 2: sample "record of hours" sheet, supervision)
6. The **supervision requirements** are as follows:
1 hour of supervision for every 20 hours of individual or group work
7. The **Registration Package** is obtained upon request from the Registration Chair. This application must be completed in full before submission. If the package is incomplete, the Registration Committee cannot proceed, and the package will be returned at the applicant's expense. A **\$40.00 administration fee** is charged for the initial submission and any re-submission.
8. **Three copies** should be made of the application package. The original and 1 copy are submitted and 1 copy is kept by the applicant.
9. If **play therapy** is incorporated in any of the art therapy sessions, only one half of that session can be counted towards Art Therapy direct-client hours.

10. All applicants are required to have **professional liability insurance**. A copy of this insurance must be included with the package submission. If the applicant is employed by an agency, a letter of confirmation is required to state insurance coverage.

Important: all Registered OATA members must maintain annual professional liability insurance or their membership with the association becomes void.

NOTE: Registration status is calculated on a point system (See attachment 3)

A total of 34 points are required and the following (#11, #12, #13 and #14) are optional ways to accumulate a portion of these points.

11. It is required that applicants keep all receipts of conferences, workshops and seminars attended. These are submitted with the registration package.
12. It is required that applicants provide proof of workshops, seminars and professional papers that they have presented, as well as any committee experience with an Art Therapy organization.
13. If an applicant has received personal therapy (10 sessions or more), a confirmation letter and/or receipt from the therapist is required.
14. Applicants can submit a personal portfolio (a minimum of 10 slides/pictures).

Attachment 2: Record of Hours for OATA Art Therapy Registration

SUPERVISION HOURS

Therapist: _____

(Name, address, email, phone number)

I have accumulated the following supervision hours:

1 Supervision hour for 20 hours of direct-contact client time

Date	Supervisor Signature	Hours
	Total	

Attachment 3: OATA Point System for Registration

PART I ART THERAPY TRAINING	POINTS
1. Art Therapy certificate or diploma from a recognised institution	16
2. MA in Art Therapy	20
	Minimum 16

PART II EDUCATION	POINTS
1. Baccalaureate degree in psychology, fine art, sociology, social work, nursing, occupational therapy, education or a related field	4
2. Masters degree in psychology, fine art, sociology, social work, nursing, occupational therapy, education or a related field	8
3. Doctorate in psychology, fine art, sociology, social work, nursing, occupational therapy, education or a related field	8
4. Special consideration requested.	

Only 1 degree may be counted and points are not cumulative. Other degrees and qualifications may be Considered under special circumstances.

Minimum 4

PART III WORK EXPERIENCE after completion of Art Therapy training	POINTS
Using Art Therapy in a clinical setting for which you are paid and supervised* by an OATA approved Registered Art Therapist: 1,000 hours	10
	Minimum 10

*Supervision requirements are:

1 hour of supervision for every 20 hours of paid direct-client contact hours

PART IV PERSONAL ART THERAPY (optional)	POINTS
With a Registered Art Therapist, for every 10 sessions	1
 PERSONAL OR GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY (optional)	
With a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, registered psychotherapist, social Worker (i.e.MSW), for every 10 sessions	1
Up to a maximum of 40 sessions	4

PART V PORTFOLIO - Only for practicing Art Therapists (optional)	POINTS
10 slides or pictures	2

PART VI ART THERAPY PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS (optional)	POINTS
1. Art Therapy or related conferences, workshops or seminars attended	1
2. Art Therapy papers published; workshops, seminars or papers given	2
3. Committee experience with an Art Therapy organization	1

MINIMUM POINTS REQUIRED:

PARTS I, II and III	30
PARTS IV, V and VI	4
TOTAL	34