Tri-C’s Creative Arts Division offers an Art Therapy transfer track that can culminate in an Associate of Arts degree. Coursework prepares students to transfer to a bachelor’s degree program in art therapy. Tri-C has articulation agreements with Ursuline College and Mount Mary University that enable students to seamlessly transfer to receive a Bachelor of Arts in art therapy. Work with a Tri-C counselor to review the requirements of each articulation agreement.

Students may choose to transfer to other colleges in the area, such as The University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Capitol University and Lourdes University, to complete their bachelor’s degree and then apply to the master’s program in art therapy/ counseling at Ursuline College or Mount Mary University. Combining an art major and psychology minor, or a psychology major and art minor, or double majoring allows more latitude in career choices upon graduation.

Those who already have a Bachelor of Arts degree and are interested in pursuing a master’s degree in art therapy at Ursuline College may complete their pre-requisite art therapy requirements at Tri-C.

Career Outlook

You do not need to have artistic talent to pursue a career in art therapy. It is a great career choice for those who enjoy art and psychology and are interested in helping those with mental health, physical and emotional problems. Art therapists work in a variety of settings, assisting people who have undergone trauma, loss, illness or emotional disturbance or struggled with depression, developmental disabilities, addictions and more. Art therapy was used extensively in assisting the victims of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and other recent disasters. Potential annual earnings can vary from $45,000 to $65,000. Those who earn doctoral degrees and licensure and quality for private practice can potentially earn $75 to $150 an hour.

Art Therapy is a non-verbal form of communication that helps promote healing, change and human development. It is a human profession that uses art, the creative process and patient responses. This art, creativity and response reflect an individual’s development, abilities and personality interests, concerns and conflict. Art therapy combines the artist’s understanding of creative expression with the therapist’s understanding of personal dynamics. Through art therapy, an individual’s psychological processes can be communicated in a nonverbal or graphic manner. Certain characteristics of an individual’s artistic expression, such as form — and content, as well as the associations and reactions to the artwork, can be used by the therapist to explore areas of personal conflict and potential growth. The art therapist brings to the therapeutic setting a unique view of the creative process as a healing process.

Students may earn a document referring them as an Art Specialist by completing 12 core courses from the Art Therapy Track. This document may help provide an opportunity to obtain jobs as an activity aid/assistant in a variety of settings.
Art Therapy Courses

Art 1600 - Intro to Art Therapy
A course for anyone interested in pursuing a career in art therapy or just learning more about it. This course will introduce students to the basic concepts of art therapy, providing an overview of its origins, theories and foundations. You will be exposed to a variety of art media and major readings in the field using art as a means of communication. Artistic talent is not required for this course.

Art 1610 - Methods and Media
This class is for anyone interested in exploring the relationship between art and life, self, others and community in experiential and theoretical ways within an art therapy practice and discipline in their lives.

Art 2300 - Approaches and Techniques
An examination of approaches and techniques used by expressive art therapists and alternative therapists. Exposure to dance therapy, music therapy, storytelling, drama, clay work and more will be a part of this course. Studio exposure work is used as a tool to understand and cultivate the discipline of self-awareness and with others.

Art 2310 - Studio: Basic Therapeutic Skills
Provides an opportunity for hands-on art work, allowing students to learn more about themselves through art as a therapeutic modality. An emphasis will be placed on 3-dimensional art techniques.

Art Therapy Track
(Requirements in Tri-C College Catalog)

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*Students must take two courses in the same series, i.e. ART-2020 and ART-2030, ART-1050 and ART-1060, ART-1100 and ART-1110, ART-1700 and ART-1710. The curriculum and admission criteria are subject to change. Students are required to follow the curriculum in force when they are accepted into the program.