



# Careers in the Licensed Professions

## Creative Arts Therapist

**Creative arts therapists** train in both psychotherapy and creative arts, including dance, drama, music, poetry, and art therapies. These professionals assess and guide patients, helping them to use art to cope with the symptoms of stress, illness, and trauma; improve self-esteem and awareness; and develop more effective communication skills.

### Education

Complete a master's or doctoral degree in a Department-registered Creative Arts Therapy licensure program, or the equivalent, as determined by the Department

### Experience

Complete at least 1,500 hours of post-degree supervised experience in the practice of Creative Arts Therapy, including direct work with clients in an acceptable setting

### Examination

Board Certification examination administered by the Art Therapy Credential Board or Certification Board for Music Therapist; or New York State Case Narrative Examination.

### Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$63,832
- Salary range: \$47,457 - \$74,733
- Projected growth: faster than average

### Where Could I Work?

- Private or group practice
- Hospitals and nursing homes
- Schools and community centers
- Group homes, half-way houses
- Behavioral health agencies and programs

### Your Interests and Abilities

- Psychology - including developmental and abnormal
- Therapy and counseling
- Diversity and cultural competency
- Discipline-specific theory and skills

### Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Dependability
- Innovation
- Creativity

