

Art Therapy and Counseling Equivalency Matrix (Updated 12/09)

The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) has agreed to align art therapy standards within a Professional Counselor framework, so that graduate training in art therapy meets the requirements of the American Counseling Association (ACA). The majority of graduate art therapy programs are now working to be in alignment with these standards, so that graduates would be eligible to be credentialed as a Licensed I Professional Counselor (LCPC). However, please check each state's specific requirements for counselor licensure, as they may vary.

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Alabama	No	N/As	Yes	Yes	Board of Examiners in Counseling 950 22nd Street North, Suite 765 Birmingham, AL 35203 800/822-3307 205/458-8716 205/458-8718 (fax) www.abec.alabama.gov	Yes, any profession for which the requirements are met.	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or its substantial equivalent defined as a minimum of 48 graduate semester hours (or 72 graduate quarter hours) at a regionally accredited college or university. Also, visit www.abec.alabama.gov	LPC: National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation
Alaska	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing Board of Professional Counselors P.O. Box 110806 Juneau, AK 99811-0806 907/465-2551 907/465-2974 (fax) www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/ppco.htm	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related professional field from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education approved by the board, and at least 60 graduate semester hours in counseling. Also visit www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/ppco.htm	LPC: National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation
Arizona	No	N/A	No	Yes	Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 3443 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1700 Phoenix, AZ 85012 602/542-1882 602/364-0890 (fax) azbbhe@bbhe.state.az.us www.bbhe.state.az.us	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related field from a program that is either CACREP or CORE accredited or includes a minimum of 60 semester hours and completion of coursework in 14 content areas. Also visit http://www.bbhe.state.az.us/	LPC/LAC: National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination, or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination	legislation. Regulatory boards are "pay as you go." There are not enough Ats in Arizona; and no request has been made for separate
Arkansas	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Board of Examiners in Counseling P.O. Box 70 Magnolia, AR 71754 870/901-7055 870/234-1842 (fax) arboec@sbcglobal.net www.state.ar.us/abec	Yes (Note: Licensed as Counselors and then apply for the Specialization License in Art Therapy. Must hold and maintain the generic license to apply for the Art Specialization license. Must have continuing education in the	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling with a minimum of 60 semester hours, in a program that reflects the CACREP or CORE curriculum, from a regionally accredited institution. Also visit www.state.ar.us/abec	LPC/LAC: National Counselor Examination and an oral exam	See Rules pages 11-14 of the ARKANSAS CODE (http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/SearchCenter/Pages/ArkansasCodeSearchResultPage.aspx)

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
California	No	N/A	No	bill will go into effect n January 1, 2010. Grandparenting and reciprocity applications would become available on January 1, 2011.	Board of Behavioral Sciences 1625 N Market Blvd., Suite S-200, Sacramento, CA 95834 Paul Riches, Executive Officer Email: BSWebmaster@bbs.ca.gov http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lpcc_info.pdf	N/A	N/A	TBD (see California Colaition ofor Counselor Licensure web site at: http://www.caccl.org/requirements.html)	LPC: National Counselor Examination, or the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination and California jurisprudence and ethics examination	N/A
Colorado	No	N/A	No	Yes	Department of Regulatory Agencies Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350 Denver, CO 80202 303/894-7766 303/894-7764 (fax) mentalhealth@dora.state.co.us www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health	N/A	N/A	Master's degree or higher in professional counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent program from a regionally accredited college/ university with 48 semester hours that includes coursework in core areas and a practicum and/or internship. Also visit http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations	National Counselor Examination and CO Jurisprudence Exam	A change in the law, a letter would need to be written to the state medical board requesting that art therapist be listed under LPC.
Connecticut	No	N/A	No	Yes	Department of Public Health Professional Counselor Licensure 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12APP P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308 860/509-7603 860/509-8457 (fax) oplc.dph@ct.gov http://www.ct.gov/dph/	LPC, Clinical, Marriage Counselors, Mental health	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related mental health field from a regionally accredited institution consisting of at least 60 semester hours and completion of required coursework. Also visit http://www.ct.gov/dph/	National Counselor Examination or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	N/A
Delaware	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	DELAWARE DE Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals Cannon Building 861 Silverlake Boulevard, Suite 203 Dover, DE 19904-2467 302/744-4500 302/739-2711 (fax) http://dpr.delaware.gov	Professional Counselors, Marriage counseling	N/A	Master's degree or higher, including a minimum of 48 semester hours. Also visit http://www.professionallicensing.state.de.us/t	National Counselor Examintation or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	Do not regulate
District of Columbia	No	N/A	Yes, an art therapist can be licensed as a counselor, if they meet the requirements for LPC	Yes	Department of Health Board of Professional Counseling 717 14th Street, NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20005 202/724-4900 877/672-2174 202/727-8471 (fax) http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla	No	N/A	60 graduate semester hours, including a master's degree in counseling or a related field from an accredited institution. Also visit http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla	National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination	

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Florida	No	N/A	No	Yes	Department of Health Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN C-08 Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258 850/245-4474 850/921-5389 (fax) mqa_491@doh.state.fl.us www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/491	Social Work (if requirements met)	N/A	Master's degree or higher from a CACREP accredited mental health counseling program that includes 60 semester hours, a course in human sexuality, and a course in substance abuse. OR Master's degree or higher from a program related to the practice of mental health counseling from an accredited institution that includes 60 semester hours, 12 specific course content areas, and 1,000 hours of a supervised practicum, internship, or field experience. Also visit http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	Legislative change
Georgia	No	N/A	No	Yes	Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, GA 31217-3858 478/207-1670 478/207-1676 (fax) www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/counselors	Any profession for which the requirements are met.	N/A	Master's degree or higher in a program that is primarily counseling in content, or in applied psychology, from an institution accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Also visit www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/counselors	National Counselor Examination	Legislative change
Hawaii	No	N/A	No	Yes	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs - PVL Mental Health Counselor Program P.O. Box 3469 Honolulu, HI 96801 (808) 586-2693 counselor@dcca.hawaii.gov www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/programs/mental/	No Information	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or an allied field related to the practice of mental health counseling, with a minimum of 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours) of coursework in core areas, from an accredited institution. Also visit http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/programs/mental/	National Counselor Examination	Sunrise Review by the State auditor

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Idaho	No	N/A	No Information	Yes	Bureau of Occupational Licenses State Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists 1109 Main Street, Suite 220 Boise, ID 83702 208/334-3233 208/334- 3945 (fax) cou@ibol.idaho.gov http://www.ibol.idaho.gov/cou.htm	No Information	N/A	Master's degree or higher in a counseling field from an accredited college/university, with 60 semester hours and completion of a 6 semester hour advanced counseling practicum. Also visit https://www.ibol.idaho.gov/cou.htm	LCPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam. LPC: National Counselor Examination.	No Information
Illinois	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Division of Professional Regulation Professional Counselor Licensing and Disciplinary Board 320 W. Washington Street, 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62786 217/785-0800 217/524-6735 TDD 217/782-7645 (fax) www.idfpr.com/dpr/who/prfcns.asp	Yes. (Note: LPC, LCPC)	N/A	LCPC: Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited college/university. LPC: Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field of at least 48 semester hours from a regionally accredited college/ university in a program approved by the IL Dept. of Professional Regulation. Also visit http://www.idfpr.com/	LCPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam and National Counselor Examination or Examination of Clinical Counseling Practice or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Exam. LPC: National Counselor Examination or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Exam.	A change in the law
Indiana	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Professional Licensing Agency Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board 402 W. Washington Street, Room W072 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317/234- 2064 317/233-4236 (fax) pla5@pla.in.gov www.in.gov/pla/social.htm	Yes (Note: Social Workers, Clinical, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage)	N/A	Master's degree or higher in an area related to mental health counseling from a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or equivalent program, from a regionally accredited institution which includes a minimum of 60 semester hours of graduate coursework in counseling in 12 specified content areas. Also visit www.in.gov/pla/social.htm	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	Passage of legislation
Iowa	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Bureau of Professional Licensure Board of Behavioral Science Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor 321 E. 12th Street Des Moines, IA 50319-0075 515/281-4422 515/281-3121 (fax) www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure/	Yes. (Note: Mental Health)	N/A	Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent, with at least 60 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours). For applicants who entered program of study prior to July 1, 2008: 45 semester hours (or 60 quarter hours) are required. Also visit http://www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure/	National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Kansas	No	N/A	No	Yes	Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board 712 S. Kansas Avenue Topeka, KS 66603 785/296-3240 785/296-3112 (fax) www.ksbsrb.org/	No	N/A	LCPC: In addition to, or as part of the graduate degree – completion of 15 credit hours supporting diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American Psychiatric Association's diagnostic and statistical manual, and a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of professional experience. LPC:60 graduate semester hours, including a master's degree in counseling from a university approved by the board and which includes 45 graduate semester hours distributed among 10 core categories (this includes a supervised practicum). Also visit http://www.ksbsrb.org/	LCPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam. LPC: National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Kentucky	Yes	Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Art Therapists P.O. Box 1360 Frankfort, KY 40602 Board Administrator Office: 564-3296, ext. 227 Fax: 502-564-4818 http://pat.ky.gov/	No	Yes	Division of Occupations & Professions Board of Licensed Professional Counselors P.O. Box 1360 Frankfort, KY 40602 502/564-3296, x239 502/564-4818 (fax) http://finance.ky.gov/bpc	No	doctoral degree in art therapy that includes six hundred (600) hours of supervised internship experience from an accredited institution and has completed an additional one thousand (1,000) client contact hours of postgraduate experience under appropriate supervision; or Master's degree or doctoral degree in a related field, has a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of sequential course work in the history, theory, and practice	Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours in 9 specified content areas and a 400 hour organized practicum/internship. Also visit http://finance.ky.gov/bpc	Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination or National Counselor Examination	N/A
Louisiana	No	N/A	Yes (LPC must go through the appropriate training)	Yes	Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners 8631 Summa Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70809 225/765-2515 225/765-2514 (fax) lpcboard@eatel.net www.lpcboard.org	LPC (must apply as an intern and work under a supervisor for 2 yrs/3000 hrs, complete the NCE exam and then apply)	N/A	Master's degree or higher, the substance of which is professional mental health counseling in content, from a regionally accredited institution, with 48 semester hours and coursework in 8 content areas OR completion of a CACREP accredited counseling program. Also visit http://www.lpcboard.org/	National Counselor Examination	Change in legislature, but Art Therapy probably wont ever get a separate licensing board because its included under LPC and there are so few Art Therapist.

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Maine	No	N/A	No Information	Yes	Department of Professional & Financial Regulation Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure #35 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 207/624-8626 888/577-6690 TTY 207/624-8637 (fax) www.maine.gov/pfr/olr	No Information	N/A	LCPC / Conditional LCPC: Master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution that consists of 60 semester hours and is CACREP accredited, or consists of coursework in 10 core areas, 3 additional areas, and a practicum and internship of 900 clock hours. LPC / Conditional LPC: Master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution that consists of 48* semester hours and is CACREP or CORE accredited, or consists of coursework in 10 core areas and a practicum and internship of 600 clock hours. Also visit www.maine.gov/pfr/olr	LCPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam. LPC, Conditional LCPC, Conditional LPC: National Counselor Examination.	No Information
Maryland	No (N/A	Yes (Note: LPC with appropriate training may practice art therapy, but no separate designation)	Yes	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and Therapists 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215 410/764-4732 410/358-1610 (fax) www.dhmh.state.md.us/bopc	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in a professional counseling or related field from an accredited educational institution, with a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in specific coursework, including completion of an alcohol and drug counseling course and supervised field experience. Also visit http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/bopc	National Counselor Examination and Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act Exam	Passage of legislation
Massachusetts	No. (Note: Art therapists are included in licensure law for counselors)	Board: Division of Professional Licensure Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals 230 Causeway Street, Suite 500	Yes	Yes	Division of Professional Licensure Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals 230 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114 617/727-3080 617/727-2197 (fax) www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/mh	No	N/A	Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours in counseling or a related field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Also visit www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/mh	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	legislature, but Art Therapy probably wont ever get a separate licensing board because its included under LPC and there are so few Art Therapist. As a commonwealth any citizen can submit a

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Michigan	No	No	No	Yes	Bureau of Health Professions Board of Counseling P.O. Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909 517/335-0918 517/373-2179 (fax) bhphelp@michigan.gov www.michigan.gov/healthlicense	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in professional counseling, including a minimum of 48 semester hours from a program that reflects the CACREP curriculum and a 600 clock hour internship. Also visit http://www.michigan.gov/bhser	National Counselor Examination or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination	Legislative change
Minnesota	No	No	No	Yes	Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy 2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 210 Minneapolis, MN 55414 612/617-2178 800/627-3529 TTY 612/617-2187 (fax) bbht.board@state.mn.us www.bbht.state.mn.us	Yes (Note: If an applicant with an art therapy degree meets the coursework, supervised field experience, and all other licensure requirements, they may be licensed as a Licensed Professional Counselor)	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related field from a CACREP accredited program or regionally accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), that includes a minimum of 48 semester hours and supervised field experience not fewer than 700 hours that is counseling in nature. Also visit http://www.bbht.state.mn.us/	LPCC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam. (ECCP accepted in lieu of the NCMHCE if the NCE was already taken and passed.) LPC: National Counselor Examination.	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Mississippi	Yes	Mississippi State Department of Health Professional Licensure - Professional Art Therapists 570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd. Jackson, MS 39216 Professional Licensure Division: 601-364-7360 http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/30,0,82.html	No	Yes	MS State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors P.O. Box 1497 129 E. Jefferson Street Yazoo City, MS 39194 662/716-3932 888/860-7001 662/716-3021 (fax) www.lpc.state.ms.us	No	doctoral degree in art therapy that includes six hundred (600) hours of supervised internship experience from an accredited institution and has completed an additional one thousand (1000) client contact hours of postgraduate experience under appropriate supervision; or, 7. Has been awarded a master(s) degree or doctoral degree in a related field, has a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of sequential	Master's degree or educational specialist's degree in counselor education or a related program from a regionally or nationally accredited college/university program, subject to board approval, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and completion of coursework in 10 content areas. also visit http://www.lpc.state.ms.us/	Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination or National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation
Missouri	No	No	Yes, an art therapist can be licensed as a counselor.	Yes	Committee for Professional Counselors 3605 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 1335 Jefferson City, MO 65102 573/751-0018 800/735-2966 TTY 573/751-0735 (fax) profcounselor@pr.mo.gov http://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling, counseling psychology, clinical psychology, or school psychology from a regionally accredited college/university, with at least 48 semester hours reflecting the CACREP or CORE curriculum and a practicum, internship, or field experience consisting of 6 semester hours in the practice of counseling. Also visit http://pr.mo.gov/counselors.asp	National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Montana	No	No	Yes, an art therapist can be licensed as a counselor, if they meet the requirements for LCPC	Yes	Board of Social Work Examiners and Professional Counselors 301 South Park, 4th Floor P.O. Box 200513 Helena, MT 59620 406/841-2392 406/841-2305 (fax) dlibsdswp@state.mt.us www.swpc.mt.gov	No	N/A	A 60 semester hour (or 90 quarter hour) counseling-in-nature graduate degree from an accredited institution which includes specific coursework and a 6 semester hour advanced counseling practicum. OR A minimum of 45 semester hour (or 67.5 quarter hour) counseling-in-nature degree from an accredited institution which includes a 6 semester hour advanced counseling practicum, and, upon board approval, applicant must complete remaining hours to equal the total requirement of 60 semester hours. Also visit http://www.swpc.mt.gov/	National Counselor Examination or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	Passage of legislation
Nebraska	No	No	Yes (Note: Mental Health Practitioners)	Yes	Department of Health and Human Services Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Board of Mental Health Practice P.O. Box 94986 Lincoln, NE 68509 402/471-2117 402/471-3577 (fax) www.dhhs.ne.gov/crl/mhcs/mental/mentalindex.htm	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher from an approved educational program that is primarily therapeutic mental health in content, in a CACREP accredited program (or complete equivalent coursework), from a regionally accredited institution. Also visit www.dhhs.ne.gov/crl/mhcs/mental/mentalindex.htm	Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner and Licensed Mental Health Practitioner: National Counselor Examination or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	No Credential
Nevada	No	No	Yes	Yes	Board of Examiners for Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors P.O. Box 370130 Las Vegas NV 89134-0130 702/486-7388 702/486-7258 (fax) nvmftbd@mftbd.nv.gov http://marriage.state.nv.us/	Any profession for which the requirements are met.	N/A	Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling or community counseling from a program approved by CACREP, or equivalent program which includes a practicum and internship in mental health counseling under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional. Also visit http://marriage.state.nv.us/	National Counselor Examination or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam *Beginning January 1, 2010, only the NCMHCE will be accepted.	Legislative change

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
New Hampshire	No	No	Yes. (Note: Mental Health Counselors)	Yes	NH Board of Mental Health Practice 117 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 603/271-6762 800/735-2954 TDD 603/271-3950 (fax) mlynch@dhhs.state.nh.us www.nh.gov/mhpb/	Yes (Note: Licensed psychologist; must have a doctorate in psychology)	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or psychology from a regionally accredited college/university, which consists of a minimum of 2 academic years of full-time graduate study related to mental health counseling, 60 graduate semester hours, and coursework in 9 content areas (program must meet the board's approval). Also visit www.nh.gov/mhpb/	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam and essay exam provided by the board.	60 hours mental and psychology in nature must be clinical
New Jersey	No	No	No	Yes	NJ Board of Marriage & Family Therapy Examiners Professional Counselor Examiners Committee P.O. Box 45007 Newark, NJ 07101 973/504-6582 973/648-3536 (fax) www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/procounsel.htm	No	N/A	Minimum of 60 graduate semester hours which includes a master's degree in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (45 of the 60 graduate semester hours must be distributed in 8 of the 9 defined course content areas). Also visit www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/procounsel.htm	National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation
New Mexico	Yes	Counseling and Therapy Practice Board 2550 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87505 505/476-4610 505/476-4633 (fax) counselingboard@state.nm.us www.rld.state.nm.us/counseling/	Yes. (Note: Art Therapist Counselors)	Yes	Counseling and Therapy Practice Board 2550 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87505 505/476-4610 505/476-4633 (fax) counselingboard@state.nm.us www.rld.state.nm.us/counseling/	No (Note: Art Therapists have Independent Licensure)	Master's 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. Also visit http://www.rld.state.nm.us/Counseling/ruleslaw.html	LPCC: Master's degree or higher in counseling or a counseling related field with no less than 48 graduate hours from an accredited institution. Related field degree must meet the clinical core curriculum. Counseling related field is mental health, community counseling, agency counseling, psychology, clinical psychology, family studies, art therapy, or education. LMHC: Master's degree or higher in counseling or a counseling related field with no less than 48 graduate hours from an accredited institution. Related field degree must meet the clinical core curriculum and the 9 practicum hours. Also visit www.rld.state.nm.us/counseling/	Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination or LPCC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam and National Counselor Examination. LMHC: National Counselor Examination.	N/A

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
New York	Yes. NY licenses creative arts therapists, who may use art, music, dance or other modality.	Department State Board for Mental Health Practitioners 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234-1000 518/474-3817, x450 518/486-2981	No	Yes	State Education Department State Board for Mental Health Practitioners 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234-1000 518/474-3817, x450 518/486-2981 (fax) mhpbd@mail.nysed.gov www.	No (Note: Licensed as separate profession with specific requirements for graduate education, post-degree experience and examination, acceptable to the Department.)	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling that includes 48 semester hours and completion of specific coursework. *Beginning Jan. 1, 2010 this requirement will increase to 60 semester hours. Also visit www.op.nysed.gov/mhclhc.htm	Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination or LMHC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	N/A
North Carolina	No	No	Yes	Yes	Board of Licensed Professional Counselors P.O. Box 1369 Garner, NC 27529 919/661-0820 919/779-5642 (fax) ncblpc@mgmt4u.com www.ncblpc.org	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that includes 48 semester hours, coursework in each of 8 content areas, and a 300 hour practicum/internship. OR Master's degree or higher in a related field supplemented with coursework the board determines to be equivalent. Also visit www.ncblpc.org	LPC: National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination, or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination	Legislation (Note: state as a whole is looking to reduce the number of licenses, not increase)
North Dakota	No	No	Yes	Yes	Board of Counselor Examiners 2112 10th Avenue SE Mandan, ND 58554 701/667-5969 701/667-5969 (fax) ndbce@btinet.net www.ndbce.org	No	N/A	LPC: Master's degree in counseling from an accredited college or university, including 60 semester hours, core clinical coursework (a minimum of 15 contact hours in each of 3 categories determined by the board), and 800 hours of clinical training in a supervised practicum and internship. LPC/LAPC: Master's degree in counseling or closely related field from an accredited college or university, including 48 semester hours and specific core counseling coursework within the master's degree. Also visit http://www.edutech.nodak.edu/ndbce	LPC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam and a videotaped clinical counseling session of at least 30 minutes. LPC/LAPC: National Counselor Examination.	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Ohio	No (Note: Pending legislation would create licensure)	No	No	Yes	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075 Columbus, OH 43215 614/466-0912 614/728-7790 (fax) cswmft.info@cswb.state.oh.us http://cswmft.ohio.gov	No (Note: May be eligible to become psychology assistants, if sponsored by a psychologist.	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling from an accredited program, with 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours), from an accredited institution. Also visit http://cswmft.ohio.gov/	LPCC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam. LPC: National Counselor Examination	Passage of legislation (Note: a House Bill was been introduced in 2009)
Oklahoma	No	No	Yes (Note: LPC, LMST, LBP and LGC)	Yes	State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors 1000 N.E. 10th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117 405/271-6030 405/271-1918 (fax) nenaw@health.ok.gov http://pcl.health.ok.gov	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or a related mental health field, with 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours), from a regionally accredited college/university. Also visit http://www.health.ok.gov/program/lpc	National Counselor Examination and Oklahoma Legal & Ethical Responsibilities Exam (as pertains to LPCs)	Passage of legislation
Oregon	No	No	Yes	Yes	Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists 3218 Pringle Road SE, Suite 250 Salem, OR 97302-6312 503/378-5499 503/373-1427 (fax) lpc.lmft@state.or.us www.oregon.gov/oblpc	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling, with 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours) in a CACREP or CORE accredited program, or the equivalent, from a regionally accredited institution. Also visit www.oregon.gov/oblpc	National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination or other exam as approved by the board and Oregon Law and Rules Exam	Passage of legislation
Pennsylvania	No. (Note: Art therapists are included in licensure law for counselors)	Board: Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 717/783-1389	Yes	Yes	Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 717/783-1389 717/787-7769 (fax) st-socialwork@state.pa.us www.dos.state.pa.us/social	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field (as approved by the board) from an accredited education institution, including 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of graduate coursework. Also visit http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa	Any one of the following: National Counselor Examination, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, The Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification, The Certification Board for Music Therapists Examination, The Practice Examination of Psychological Knowledge, The Advanced Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor Examination, The Examination for Masters Addictions Counselors	Passage of legislation (Introduce a bill to have a new profession added)

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Rhode Island	No	N/A	No	Yes	Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists 3 Capitol Hill, Room 104 Providence, RI 02908 401/222-2828 401/222-1272 (fax) www.health.ri.gov/hsr/	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher specializing in counseling/ therapy from a college/ university accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges or an equivalent regional accrediting agency. OR Master's degree, certificate in advanced graduate studies, or doctoral degree in mental health counseling or allied field from a recognized educational institution. Also visit http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	Passage of legislation
South Carolina	No	N/A	Art therapists might be licensed as a professional counselor if they have all the coursework and then use art therapy as a counseling technique.	Yes	Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329 803/896-4658 803/896-4719 (fax) www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/counselors	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related discipline from a regionally accredited institution that includes at least 48 graduate hours, coursework in 10 content areas, and a 150 hour supervised counseling practicum. Also visit http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/counselors	National Counselor Examination or National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam	Passage of legislation (Note: the State Legislature would have to introduce a bill to license a new profession or open the Professional Counselors Practice Act to have this
South Dakota	No	N/A	No	Yes	Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists P.O. Box 2164 Sioux Falls, SD 57101 605/331-2927 605/331-2043 (fax) sdbce.msp@midconetwork.com dhs.sd.gov/board/counselor	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher with an emphasis in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, or equivalent program from an accredited institution that includes specific coursework and a supervised practicum (100 hours) and internship (600 hours). 48 semester hours required for LPC licensure; 60 semester hours or completion of all required coursework for LPC-MH licensure. Also visit http://www.state.sd.us/dhs/boards/counselor	LPC-MH: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam. LPC: National Counselor Examination.	Legislative change (Note: Since SC has a mandatory practice law, they would have to hold a mental health license and do counseling/therapy.)

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Tennessee	No	N/A	No	Yes	Board for Professional Counselors, Marital & Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists 227 French Landing, Suite 300 Nashville, TN 37243 615/532-3202, x 25138 800/778-4123, x 25138 615/532-5369 (fax) http://health.state.tn.us/boards/PC_MFT&CPT/	No	N/A	60 graduate semester hours in professional counseling or a related field from an institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, CACREP, or a comparable accrediting body, which includes a master's degree in professional counseling and a supervised 500 hour practicum or internship (300 hours of which must be completed in a clinical setting). Also visit http://health.state.tn.us/boards/PC_MFT&CPT/	LPC/MHSP: National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam, and TN Jurisprudence Exam are all required. LPC: National Counselor Examination and TN Jurisprudence Exam.	Passage of legislation
Texas	No. (Note: Art therapists are included in licensure law for counselors)	Board: State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors P.O. Box 149347, MC 1982 Austin, TX 78714 512/834-6658 512/834-6677	Yes	Yes	State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors P.O. Box 149347, MC 1982 Austin, TX 78714 512/834-6658 512/834-6677 (fax) lpc@dshs.state.tx.us www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in professional counseling or related field from an accredited college/university, consisting of 48 graduate semester hours. Also visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/	Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination or National Counselor Examination and Texan Jurisprudence Exam.	Passage of legislation
Utah	No	N/A	No	Yes	Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Professional Counselor Licensing Board P.O. Box 146741 Salt Lake City, UT 84114 801/530-6628 866/275-3675 (Utah toll-free number) 801/530-6511 (fax) http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/professional_counseling.html	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling from a CACREP accredited program, including a minimum of 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) in specific coursework. Also visit http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/professional_counseling.html	National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam, and the Utah Professional Counselor Law, Rules and Ethics Exam. Professional Counselor Extern: No Exams required.	(Note: More art therapists could be licensed as Certified Professional Counselor Interns if they return to school to complete more course work in mental health counseling)
Vermont	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Office of Professional Regulation Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners National Life Building, North Floor 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-3402 800/439-8683 (in-state) 802/828-2390 802/828-2465 (fax) dlafail@sec.state.vt.us http://vtprofessionals.org	Counselor (if all requirements are met)	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling from an accredited institution, with a minimum of 60 semester hours and a 1,000 hour supervised practicum, internship, or field experience in a clinical mental health setting. Also visit http://vtprofessionals.org/	National Counselor Examination and National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam.	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Virginia	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Department of Health Professions Board of Counseling Perimeter Center 9960 Maryland Drive, Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23233 804/367-4610 804/527-4435 (fax) coun@dhp.virginia.gov www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling	Any profession for which the requirements are met.	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling that includes 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of graduate study in counseling, from a CACREP or CORE approved program. Also visit www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam.	Passage of legislation
Washington	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Department of Health Division of Health Profession Quality Assurance Mental Health Counselor Program P.O. Box 47852 Olympia, WA 98504-7852 360/236-4700 360/236-4818 (fax) hpqa.csc@doh.wa.gov www.doh.wa.gov/licensing.htm	Mental health counselor or marriage and family therapists, if they met the requirements for those professions	N/A	Master's degree or higher in mental health counseling or related field from a regionally accredited college or university that includes a supervised counseling practicum or internship. Also visit http://www.doh.wa.gov/licensing.htm	LMHC: National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam or Natinoal Counselor Examination.	Passage of legislation
West Virginia	No	N/A	Yes. (Note: As long as they meet the requirement for LPC)	Yes	Board of Examiners in Counseling 815 Quarrier Street, Suite 212 Charleston, WV 25301 800/520- 3852 304/558-5496 (fax) counselingboard@msn.com www.wvbec.org	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher from a program accredited by CACREP or CORE, or a comparable accrediting body, that includes 60 graduate semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) and a practicum and internship. Also visit http://www.wvbec.org/	National Counselor Examinaton or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination.	Passage of legislation

State	Does state currently license art therapists?	What state agency licenses art therapists?	Does state license art therapists as counselors?	Does state currently license counselors?	What state agency licenses counselors?	Does state license art therapists as a related profession? If so, which profession?	What are education requirements for state licensure as art therapist? (refer to AATA Master's Education Standards)	What are education requirements for state licensure as counselor?	What exam is required for licensure?	What would it take to have state license art therapists separately?
Wisconsin	Yes. A person registered as an Art Therapist may be granted a license to practice psychotherapy under rules promulgated by the Department in sections RL 140 through RL 142 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for granting such a license.	Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing 1400 E. Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53708-8935 Phone #: (608) 266-2112 FAX #: (608) 261-7083 E-Mail: web@drl.state.wi.us Website: http://drl.wi.gov	No	Yes	Department of Regulation & Licensing Examining Board of Marriage & Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708 608/266-2112 608/261-7083 (fax) http://drl.wi.gov/prof/coun/def.htm	Yes (as Psychotherapists, if certain criteria are met)	Doctorate degree in Art Therapy from a program accredited or approved by the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) or a program recognized as equivalent by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). completed 3,000 hours of Art Therapy practiced as psychotherapy, supervised by a person licensed to	Master's degree or higher in professional counseling, or equivalent program approved by the board, from a regionally accredited institution that includes a minimum of 42 semester hours (or 63 quarter hours). Also visit http://drl.wi.gov/prof/coun/def.htm	National Counselor Examination, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination or equivalent exam and Wisconsin Jurisprudence Exam.	N/A
Wyoming	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Mental Health Professions Licensing Board 1800 Carey Avenue, 4th Floor Cheyenne, WY 82002 307/777-3628 307/777-3508 (fax) vskora@state.wy.us http://plboards.state.wy.us/mentalhealth/index.asp	No	N/A	Master's degree or higher in counseling, with a minimum of 48 semester hours (or 72 quarter hours), from a CACREP or CORE accredited program or a regionally accredited college or university. Also visit http://plboards.state.wy.us/mentalhealth/index.asp	National Counselor Examination.	Passage of Legislation