

# **Admissions Requirements:**

## **MS in Art Therapy**

The FSU Art therapy program is a 2 year-2 summer graduate art therapy program leading to a Master's of Science in Art Therapy Approved by the Educational Program Approval Board of the American Art Therapy Association. Applicants must meet the following minimum admission requirements to be considered for this program:

### **1. Degree, Experience, and GPA Requirements**

- a. An earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited US institution, or a comparable degree from an international institution, with a minimum of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average (GPA) in all coursework
- b. The applicant must be in good standing in the institution of higher education
- c. All applicants should have an undergraduate major related to art, art education, arts administration or have thirty credited hours of art and/or art history course work.
- d. Complete 12 hours of psychology prerequisites:
  - i. *Introduction or General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology and Theories of Personality*

### **2. GRE Test Scores**

- a. Earn a minimum percentile ranking of 55% on the Verbal and 25% on the Quantitative portions of the GRE.

### **3. TOEFL (for International Students only)**

- a. Minimum scores: 80 internet/213 computer

### **4. Transcripts**

- a. Applicants must submit an official transcript from each college and/or university attended to the Office of Admissions.
- b. Transfer credit posted on the records of other institutions is not accepted in lieu of transcripts from the original institutions. Official transcripts for these credits must also be submitted.
- c. Official transcripts bear an official seal and signature and are sent from the issuing college or university directly to Florida State University. The verifying signature should be that of an officer of the institution attended.

- d. FSU transcripts or official transcripts already on file will be obtained by the Office of Admissions.
- e. Original documents or signed, officially certified photocopies of original documents may be submitted by the applicant only when institutions outside the United States will not send academic records to other institutions.
- f. All academic records that are not in English must be accompanied by certified English translations.
- g. Certified documents should be true copies that are signed and dated by an educational official familiar with academic records.
- h. Documents signed by a notary or other public official with no educational affiliation will not be accepted.
- i. The address for submitting transcripts is:

Florida State University Office of Admissions  
282 Champions Way  
P.O. Box 3062400  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2400, USA

## **5. Letters of Recommendation**

- a. Students must submit three letters of recommendation
- b. The letters of recommendation should be from someone who can describe your ability to meet the graduate level of rigor and expectations in coursework, writing, and speaking skills

## **6. Statement of Purpose**

- a. A 1,000 word biography addressing:
  - i. career goals
  - ii. interest in the field
  - iii. professional or academic background
  - iv. rationale for applying to the program
- b. Advice for writing a statement of purpose can be found at the [FSU Career Center Website](#)

## **7. Academic Writing Sample**

- a. Most people submit a paper that they wrote in college, retouching it for content and style.

- b. If you don't have a paper that you have already written, you can write one from scratch.
- c. You'll want to submit a piece of writing that demonstrates your ability to analyze a topic in the same (or related) field to which you are applying.

**8. A 10-12 Piece Portfolio**

- a. A portfolio is one of the most important pieces of your graduate school application. Not only does it demonstrate your skills, but it shows your level of professionalism in how you're able to present yourself and your work.
- b. Your portfolio should include 10-12 pieces of your artwork
- c. Maximum size of 32MB
- d. This portfolio should be submitted on the SLATE system

**9. Admission Interview**

- a. If your application is selected, you will be contacted to arrange an interview with the Art Therapy Faculty at FSU

***See last page for an admission checklist***

**For help with the admission or application process, please contact:**

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# Admissions Checklist:

## MS in Art Therapy

- Relevant Undergraduate Degree
- 3.0 Overall GPA
- 12 Hours of Psychology Prerequisites
- GRE Test Scores
- TOEFL (*for International Students only*)
- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Academic/Professional Writing Sample
- A 10-12 Piece Portfolio
- Admission Interview
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Thank you for considering the FSU Art Education Department!!