

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is pleased to provide its inaugural ACATE Newsletter. With this semi-annual newsletter, the Council intends to inform its many stakeholders of the progress of art therapy program accreditation generally and the actions of the Council more specifically.



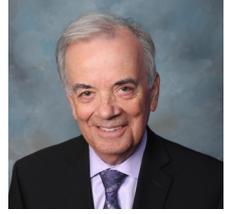
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Adjustments to the Pandemic



As the nation emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, ACATE wishes to acknowledge and applaud the outstanding work of art therapy programs in rapidly adjusting to alternative educational formats and environments and keeping its students on track for graduation. ACATE similarly adjusted its program reviews by shifting to virtual formats for site visits. Four programs participated in two-day virtual site visits with two site evaluators, followed by a one-day in-person visit by one site evaluator when travel and meeting restrictions were lifted sufficiently.

Recent Accreditation Actions



In the past six months, ACATE completed reviews of three art therapy programs, leading to accreditation approval for eight years by the Council on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). CAAHEP is the parent accrediting body for ACATE and dozens of other accreditation councils and commissions. The newly-accredited Art Therapy programs include:

- Herron School of Art and Design, IUPUI, Indiana
- Marywood University, Pennsylvania
- Ursuline College, Ohio

Congratulations to these programs. They join 14 previously accredited art therapy programs already listed on the ACATE/CAAHEP website at <https://www.caahep.org/Students/Find-a-Program.aspx>. Over a half-dozen additional programs are in various stages in their review for their initial accreditation.

Council Member Update



In the past six months, three new councilors were elected to ACATE for a three-year term:

- Leah Gipson, Illinois, educator
- Deanna Barton, Florida, practitioner
- Sara Miller, Kentucky, practitioner

ACATE thanks Serena Duckrow Fonda and Malissa Morrell for their years of service on the council.

New Officers



ACATE officers are elected by the council for two-year terms. Officers starting their terms on July 1, 2021 include:

- Chair: Ron Hunt, Arizona, public member
- Vice-Chair: Dana Wyss, California, practitioner

ACATE makes a special thank you to past-chair Janet Kempf, Ohio, practitioner, for her extraordinary leadership as Council Chair the past two years.

Officers continuing their terms include:

- Treasurer: Craig Siegel, Florida, practitioner
- Secretary: Sheila Lorenzo de la Peña, Pennsylvania, educator

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