

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Art Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1125.01

## What They Do

Plan or conduct therapy sessions using the creative process of art to improve clients' physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model).

People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social** – involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Involves helping or providing service to others.

**Artistic** – involves working with forms, designs and patterns. Require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

**Investigative** – involves working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. Involves searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Relationships** – allows employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**Achievement** – results oriented and allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**Independence** – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Deductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Speech Clarity
- Inductive Reasoning
- Problem Sensitivity

## Skills You Need

- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Writing

## Education & Training

Art therapists require a **bachelor's degree in art therapy or a related program.**

## US Employment & Wages

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	4
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	3
Listening for Understanding	4

## Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of art therapists are:

- State Government Educational Services
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Colleges and Universities
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Local Government Educational Services

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
18,600	20,900	2,300	12%	660	\$45,890

## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/mic](http://www.dlr.gov/mic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

mySkills myFuture

[www.myskillsmyfuture.org](http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org)

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