

1 AN ACT relating to creative arts therapies.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 309.130 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 309.130 to 309.1399, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 5 (1) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of *Creative Arts Therapies*~~Licensure for~~
6 ~~Professional Art Therapists~~];
- 7 (2) "Licensed professional art therapist" means a person who has completed a master's
8 or doctoral degree program in art therapy, or an equivalent course of study, from an
9 accredited educational institution, has completed all of the requirements set out in
10 this chapter, and has been issued a license by the board for the independent practice
11 of art therapy;
- 12 (3) "Licensed professional art therapist associate" means a person who has:
- 13 (a) Completed a master's or doctoral degree program in art therapy, or an
14 equivalent course of study, from an accredited educational institution; and
- 15 (b) Been issued a license by the board to practice art therapy under an approved
16 clinical supervisor authorized by the board;
- 17 (4) "License holder" means a licensed professional art therapist or a licensed
18 professional art therapist associate licensed under the provisions of KRS 309.130 to
19 309.1399;
- 20 (5) "The practice of professional art therapy" means the integrated use of
21 psychotherapeutic principles, visual art media, and the creative process in the
22 assessment, treatment, and remediation of psychosocial, emotional, cognitive,
23 physical, and developmental disorders in children, adolescents, adults, families, and
24 groups. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize any licensed
25 professional art therapist to administer or interpret psychological tests in accordance
26 with KRS Chapter 319; and
- 27 (6) "Accredited institution" means a university or college accredited by a nationally-

1 recognized accrediting agency of institutions of higher education, or an institution
2 or clinical program approved by the American Art Therapy Association, Inc.

3 ➔Section 2. KRS 309.131 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is hereby created the Kentucky Board of ***Creative Arts Therapies***~~[Licensure~~
5 ~~for Professional Art Therapists]~~ that shall be attached to the Department of
6 Professional Licensing in the Public Protection Cabinet for administrative purposes.

7 The board shall consist of ***six (6)***~~[five (5)]~~ members who are United States citizens
8 and have been Kentucky residents for at least five (5) years prior to their
9 appointment. The board membership shall be determined as follows:

10 (a) ***Three (3)***~~[Four (4)]~~ members shall be ***licensed*** professional art therapists who
11 are licensed pursuant to KRS 309.133, and shall have engaged in art therapy
12 practice for at least five (5) years. These members shall not hold any elected or
13 appointed office in any professional organization of art therapy or closely
14 related field during their tenure on the board;~~[and]~~

15 (b) ***Two (2) members shall be a:***

16 ***1. Registered drama therapist recognized by the North American Drama***
17 ***Therapy Association;***

18 ***2. Board-certified dance/movement therapist recognized by the American***
19 ***Dance Therapy Association; or***

20 ***3. Board-certified music therapist recognized by the Certification Board***
21 ***for Music Therapists; and***

22 ***(c)*** One (1) member shall represent the public. The public member shall not have
23 been licensed or have practiced as a professional art therapist, nor have any
24 significant financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the profession of art
25 therapy.

26 (2) All members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of
27 four (4) years.

- 1 (3) The three (3) licensed~~[four (4)]~~ professional art therapists~~[members]~~ shall be
2 appointed from a list of eight (8) names submitted by the board of directors of the
3 Kentucky Art Therapy Association, Inc.; the two (2) registered or certified drama,
4 dance/movement, or music therapists shall be appointed from a list of three (3)
5 names submitted by each of the associations listed in subsection (1)(b) of this
6 section;~~[,]~~ and the one (1) public member shall be a citizen at large. Each member
7 shall hold office until a successor is appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
8 manner as original appointments. No board member shall serve more than two (2)
9 consecutive terms.
- 10 (4) The three (3) professional art therapist candidates~~[Each board candidate]~~ shall be
11 licensed as an art therapist prior to nomination and shall be actively engaged in the
12 practicing or teaching of art therapy~~[, except for the one (1) public member]~~.
- 13 (5) Members of the board shall receive no compensation, perquisite, or allowance.
- 14 (6) The board shall elect annually from its membership a chairman, secretary, and other
15 officers as necessary to carry out its duties.
- 16 (7) The board shall meet at least two (2) times each year. Additional meetings may be
17 called by the chairman, upon the written request of at least two (2) members of the
18 board. A simple majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum of the
19 board.