Dear Prospective Art Therapy Doctoral Student:

Thank you for your interest in the FSU doctoral studies program with an emphasis in art therapy. Our program information is on-line at www.arted.fsu.edu. We offer a PhD in Art Education with a specialization in Art Therapy. The program has an emphasis on the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings for the practice of art therapy. We use a constructivist approach to teaching that allows each student to develop his or her own approach to research dissertation. Our doctoral program is dedicated to the development of researchers and scholars in the field of art therapy.

There is a residency requirement whereby a student must take 24 credits in a 12 month period on campus. After the residency requirement is completed, students can complete the dissertation from anywhere in the world. The 24 credits includes 5 research courses (including a statistic course) and 3 doctoral level seminars (teaching & learning, sociological foundations, and philosophical structures). Other course work is negotiated with your dissertation advisor and your dissertation committee, and is dependent on the type of research you plan for the dissertation. All doctoral students must take a minimum of 30 credits of course work and 24 dissertation credits.

Doctoral applicants who do not have a master’s degree in art therapy are expected to take the core courses and practicum hours of the master’s degree in art therapy. Please know this adds two years of coursework to the time required to complete the doctoral level coursework.

Our application information is also on-line at the same web address above. If you have application questions, please contact Susan Messersmith at smessersmith@fsu.edu. She will be able to answer any and all application queries. Applications are due at the beginning of February and we interview all doctoral applicants at the end of February or early March. We can interview international students via Skype.

After you have reviewed the program information on-line and if you still have questions about the program, please feel free to e-mail me. If you have a question, please e-mail me directly at mrosal@fsu.edu or we can arrange a time to meet.

Thanks again for your interest in the FSU program,

Marcia L. Rosal
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