**NDMU Art Therapy MA Enrollment Process:**

1. **Application (September - March 1st):**

Applications are for Fall entry (the end of August) There are no spring or summer admissions or cohorts. The MA in Art Therapy Program admits only 16 in a given year in keeping with NDMU’s commitment to individualized, supported learning, and high-quality instruction.

* 1. [Free Application](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgrad.ndm.edu%2Fapplynow%2Finquiryform&data=05%7C02%7Cdbarton%40ndm.edu%7C9885ac1bfcd24fc002e108dd34d7d538%7C23e76ce8053b4267b0d3b497df4bbaf8%7C1%7C0%7C638724823779478114%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rrD09U%2Fe6OhVjqNQvnpbDwkwhIRuUzU%2F6cJDd6lBb2A%3D&reserved=0)
  2. **Transcripts:** Send Official Transcript(s) from all previous institutions to the Graduate Admissions - Processing Center - Theresa Hall 001 (processing@ndm.edu)

Required Courses:

* + 1. 18 Credits of Studio Art: Drawing, Painting, Photography or Ceramics, 9 additional credits
    2. 9 Credits of Psychology: Intro to Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Human Development
  1. **Portfolio Materials:**please submit directly to Darian Barton, (**dbarton@ndm.edu)**, Art Therapy Administrative Assistant and Julia Andersen, (**jandersen@ndm.edu)**, Art Therapy Graduate Program Director.

*\*You may disregard the general admissions essay as this pertains to the University and not our program\**

* + 1. Resume
    2. Statement of Purpose - *an APA formatted essay and writing sample, expressing your intentions for pursuing the master’s in art therapy and affinity for working with others. If you have experience teaching or volunteering in a helping profession, please include this in your statement.*
    3. 15-piece studio art portfolio highlighting different works and mediums

1. **Interview & Letters of Recommendation:**

Following the completion of the application process, you will then be invited to meet with our department. Interviews may be conducted in person or via zoom. During this interview, the two professional letters of recommendation are also requested.

1. **Enrollment Decision (March - May 31st):** Following the interview, the program director and faculty meet and provide an emailed decision to the applicant within four weeks.

*\*If you may be a good fit but may need to fulfill a course requirement, we may offer a conditional acceptance if the course is completed before the Fall entry, you will need to submit those transcripts to be considered for official acceptance*

\*The program will continue to receive and consider applications through May 31 of each calendar year for fall admission should the cohort census not be met earlier in the enrollment cycle.*Should an application be made June through August, those applications are considered for the following fall, not the immediate fall of that year*

While participating in regular NDMU enrollment virtual information sessions, the MA in Art Therapy program hosts a unique, in-person Shadow Night in late October/early November each year, as well as a specific Art Therapy Information Sessions on campus in March and July each year. These three enrollment events provide the most robust student “feel” for our time-and-self-intensive, art-centered, community-engaged graduate training program.

**When corresponding with the graduate program via email, please include each of the following emails in order that we may most efficiently respond:**

Darian Barton, **dbarton@ndm.edu**, Art Therapy Department Administrative Assistant

Julia Andersen, **jandersen@ndm.edu**, Art Therapy Graduate Program Director