



**LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND COUNSELING**

**AT 594: ART THERAPY CAPSTONE Section 2 (1 Credit)
SPRING 2024**

When: Mondays 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 3/4, 4/1 6 PM to 7:30 PM
Capstone Presentation Day in April, exact date TBD: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Where: Lecture Online, Zoom: Presentation Day Online, Zoom

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

The Capstone is a culminating course that provides a platform for clinical reflection and practical matters for new art therapists entering the professional field.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Art Therapy Capstone provides internship students with a framework to prepare and present their knowledge, understanding and experience pertaining to their sites and populations served. An overview of their experience culminates in a public presentation thereby promoting their identity as a professional art therapist.

CAAHEP LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO)

SLO-A	Understand the historical development of Art Therapy as a profession, and how Art Therapy theories and techniques are a foundation for contemporary Art Therapy professional practice.
SLO-B	Distinguishing among the therapeutic benefits of a variety of art processes and media, strategies and interventions, and their applicability to the treatment process for individuals, groups, and families.
SLO-J	Apply principles of human development, artistic and creative development, human sexuality, gender identity development, family life cycle, and psychopathology, to the assessment and treatment of clients.

SLO-M	Pursue professional development through supervision, accessing current Art Therapy literature, research, best practices, and continuing educational activities to inform clinical practice.
SLO-N	Recognize the impact of oppression, prejudice, discrimination, and privilege on access to mental health care, and develop responsive practices that include collaboration, empowerment, advocacy, and social justice action.

CAAHEP CONTENT AREAS

Content Area	Competency Objectives	Mastery Level	Assessment
a.K.3	Compare and contrast approaches to Art Therapy unique to the field	Mastery	Capstone Paper & Presentation
b.A.1	Acknowledge the value of developing a strong professional Art Therapist identity founded in ethical practice	Mastery	Capstone Paper & Presentation
g.K.1	Organize research on the literature in the field as the basis for an extensive thesis or culminating project	Mastery	Capstone Paper & Presentation
g.A.1	Participate in opportunities and support for sharing culminating project outcomes in a public forum	Mastery	Capstone Presentation & Summary
g.S.1	Create an in-depth study of one aspect of Art Therapy or an integration of knowledge and clinical skill in Art Therapy	Mastery	Capstone Paper & Presentation
g.S.2	Complete culminating project based on established research methods, innovative methods of inquiry, clinical practice, or a synthesis of clinically based personal and professional growth	Mastery	Capstone Paper & Presentation

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate how theory informs clinical practice
2. Organize literature and understanding into a culminating project
3. Represent self as a professional art therapist
4. Provide a professional art therapy presentation

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY/SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

This course adheres to the general policies outlined in the catalog and student handbook of the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling. This includes full adherence to the following policies:

- Nondiscrimination: go.lclark.edu/gsec-nondiscrimination;
- Standards for professional student conduct and academic integrity: go.lclark.edu/gsec-conduct;
- Sexual misconduct: go.lclark.edu/titleIX.

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please speak to your instructor for clarification.

SPECIAL NEEDS/ ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a disability that may impact your academic performance, you may request accommodations by submitting documentation to the Student Support Services Office in the Albany Quadrangle (503-768-7192). After you have submitted documentation and filled out paperwork there for the current semester requesting accommodations, staff in that office will notify me of the accommodations for which you are eligible.

TEACHING METHODS

As a culmination of the students' learning and a means of showcasing their learning and work accomplished, class discussions and experiential activities will be utilized however independent initiative is a core aspect of the course.

REQUIRED READINGS

Students are expected to complete independent readings which are relevant to their internship site and capstone project. Please note that additional readings may be assigned to enhance professional exploration.

CPSY DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance is expected and required. Any missed class time will be made up by completing extra assignments designed by the instructor. Missing more than ten percent of class time may result in failure to complete the class. This would be 4.5 hours of a 45 hour class (3 credits), 3.0 hours for a 30 hour class (2 credits) or 1.5 hours for a 15 hour class (1 credit.) In case of extreme hardship and also at the discretion of the instructor, a grade of incomplete may be given for an assignment or the entire course. In such cases, the work to be submitted in order to remove the incomplete must be documented appropriately and stated deadlines met. Students are expected to be on time to class and tardiness may be seen as an absence that requires make-up work.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Each student should decide for themselves what information to disclose. Students are advised to be prudent when making self-disclosures. The program cannot guarantee confidentiality of student disclosures given the group environment, although personal comments should be considered private and confidential – and remain only in the classroom – unless an exception to confidentiality applies.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones must be silenced and text messaging is not allowed during class time. If there is an emergency you may exit. Phones may be used for documenting art or as a digital art tool as needed.

EVALUATION AND GRADING

Assignment	Point Value
Capstone Draft Paper with Peer Review Response	20
Capstone Project Paper	40
Capstone Presentation	30
Visual Response of Presentation Experience with Professional Reflection	10
Total Points in the Course:	100

FINAL GRADING

A = 94-100%	B = 83-87%	C = 73-77%
A- = 90-93%	B- = 80-82%	C- = 70-72%
B+ = 88-89%	C+ = 78-79%	

NOTE: All assignments must be turned in at the beginning of class (before class starts) on the day they are due—Assignments will be submitted on Moodle, unless otherwise specified. Five percent will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. Please note that students must manage their own schedule and keep track of due-dates.

When you upload or email a document, please label your assignment with first and last name as well as the name of the assignment (e.g., (YOUR NAME Museum essay.doc).

Please keep up with assignments! **I will not be chasing you down to follow-up on missed assignments.**

CLASS PREPARATION

Students are expected to research current literature relating to their capstone project which will require the students to take initiative in out-of-class learning and understanding. Students need to be prepared to share their understanding and progress with their peers.

ASSIGNMENTS AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Capstone Project Draft Paper with Peer Review Summary (20 points)

The Capstone Project Draft Paper follows the guidelines for the final paper (see Capstone Project Paper). At this stage of the project, you will be graded on the level of idea formulation and ability to articulate each section. Each section may not be fully flushed out, however you must identify in each section information that you are planning to explore. One Page Peer Review summary will also be included summarizing feedback from your peer review and how you have chosen to integrate the information.

Capstone Project Paper (40 points)

The Capstone Project provides students with an opportunity to actively integrate and apply all they have learned during their internship experience. The purpose of the paper is to provide a narrative about the project with sufficient detail to allow a reader to be able to accurately describe the goals of the project, situate the project within the existing body of published literature, and explain how the goals for the project relate to the methodology chosen and to the project conclusions. The paper should not exceed 25 written pages. The narrative must be clear, logical, and demonstrate alignment among the goals and outcomes. In addition, it should also reflect the integration and mastery of program content. Students are encouraged to develop work that impacts social change, advocates for social justice, contributes to providing art therapy in the community to marginalized/underserved populations, or addresses a gap in the art therapy literature.

Capstone Project Paper Format

- Title Page
- Abstract: concise summary (150-250 words) of the main sections of the paper.
- Introduction: Set the stage for the project by providing a brief overview of the topic and rationale for the project. It should include a statement near the beginning regarding the purpose of the project. Clearly identify topic, population and concepts. It's important to the field of art therapy. The goals must align with the literature review and the methodology.
- Literature Review: Summarize and synthesize the relevant literature. The majority of the literature reviewed should have been published within the last 10 years. Articles must be peer reviewed.
- Description of the Project: This section should detail the student's project, population served, materials and methods, tables and figures.
- Conclusions and Lessons Learned: This section serves as the discussion and conclusion section of the paper. It should briefly recap the purpose of the project, as well as summarize and contextualize the major outcomes. What is the impact of the project, what have you learned, and what are the next steps?
- References: A minimum of 15 cited references is required. All cited sources, not just those from the Literature Review, should be included in the references section and formatted according to APA Guidelines. Only those sources that were cited in the paper should be included, i.e., if you read a paper, but did not cite it, you should not reference it.

Capstone Project Paper Rubric

Elements	Not Met: 0	Acceptable: 3	Proficient: 5
Definition of Project/ Introduction	Introduction does not clearly explain the nature of project nor its rationale and relevance to art therapy.	Introduction clearly presents the project, its nature, relevance to art therapy and structure.	Introduction makes strong case for the value the capstone provides to the discipline, as well as presenting its nature and structure.
Knowledge of the literature related to capstone project	Does not indicate familiarity with literature; has large gaps and minimal grounding in the literature.	Displays familiarity with reasonably full range of literature; demonstrates an appropriate grounding and engagement with the literature.	Displays impressive familiarity with full range of and grounding in literature; engages with it substantively and productively.
Application of Knowledge	Does not make a logical connection between knowledge of topic and therapeutic application.	Makes a logical connection between the knowledge of topic and therapeutic application.	Logically articulates how knowledge of topic can provide solutions or enhance therapeutic application.
Summary/ Conclusion	Capstone summary is minimally supported by results; exhibits a lack of original ideas or personal interpretation.	Summary sufficiently supported by results while adequately and accurately summarizing the capstone.	Clearly supported summary presents carefully analyzed information with inventive and original conclusions.
Professional Reflection	Inadequate evidence of analytical or interpretive reflections.	Reflections demonstrate the ability to provide description, analysis, and interpretation.	Evidence of critical reflection which are highly analytical and interpretive than descriptive.
Reference	Lack of proper format and limited details with many sources missing or incomplete	References are mostly complete and correctly formatted. Capstone contains a variety of sources.	References are complete (all sources shown) and correctly formatted; inserted to validate evidence.
Writing Competence	Writing is unclear, distracts from meaning, or contains excessive errors.	Writing is clear and appropriately sophisticated, with virtually no errors, and supports meaning.	Writing is at or near professional level, has no errors, and enhances meaning.
APA Style & Format	Minimal or does not conform to APA format	Some minor consistent APA errors format.	Exemplary APA format /style throughout format.

Capstone Presentation (30 points)

The Capstone Presentation is an opportunity for the student to demonstrate their knowledge of art therapy and how it relates to their topic of interest in a public format. The culminating presentation will demonstrate their ability to synthesize and apply the knowledge and skills acquired during their internship year. The student will use their Capstone Project Paper as a basis to provide a professional presentation that 1) narrows the focus of the paper to ensure they are addressing the key points of their project, 2) incorporates visuals, and 3) integrates experiential aspects of engagement. Students will work in teams to provide presentations in the morning and afternoon. Teams will develop a flow for the presentations and explore creative ways to engage their audience.

Capstone Presentation Rubric

Elements	Not Met: 0	Acceptable: 3	Proficient: 5
Overall Organization	No logical flow, none or poor introduction, no discernible organization.	Some parts of the presentation are out of order, overall, logical sequence.	Exceptionally well organized, no missing part, easy to follow.
Preparedness	Out of date or misinformation, does not explain the critical information.	Grasp of important concepts, overall understanding of theories, some topics not well understood or presented.	All fundamentals and details are fully integrated and understood.
Visual Aids Quality and Effect	Minimal inclusion of visual aids.	Overall high quality of visual aids.	Creative and dynamic use of visual aids. High quality photos.
Clinical Content	Main topics and supporting literature not covered or poorly explained.	Most of the topics and supporting literature are covered and explained.	Thorough integration of main topics and supporting literature.
Professional Delivery	Minimal engagement with audience, poor eye contact, monotone voice, long pauses, does not speak clearly.	Overall, maintains posture, eye contact, voice clarity and interest. Professional attire.	Strong presence, clearly communicates, engages audience, professional attire,
Effective Use of Time	Ran over time allotment, became distracted, and did not provide time for audience engagement.	Sufficient time for each topic and provided enough time for audience engagement.	Clearly covered all topic areas, no distractions with time for audience engagement.

Capstone Presentation Visual Response with Professional Reflection of Art (10 points) Due 4/24

Students will create a visual responses their capstone presentation experience. Students will be asked to share highlights and struggles of the presentations including how they professionally benefited from the experience. (Brief!)

COURSE OUTLINE

Class Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
Week 1 1/8	Class Overview, Defining Capstone Project & Paper, Peer Workshop	
Week 2 1/22	Peer Review Capstone Project	Capstone Draft available for Peer Review and Outside Reader
Week 3 2/5	Questions / Concerns / Catchup	Identify Emcees (one from each section) Capstone Draft available for Peer Review and Outside Reader
Week 4 3/4	Peer Workshop for Student Presentation, Work with second section to identify AM and PM Presenters	Capstone Draft include a summary of Peer and Outside Reviewer Feedback
Week 5 4/1	Presentations Overview, Professionalism	Capstone Project Paper Due Optionally Pre-recorded presentation due
Week 6 TBD [8:30-4:30]	Public Presentation	Capstone Presentation