

Career of the week



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Art Therapist

Entry routes:

You'll need a degree in art therapy or another relevant subject like fine art, design, psychology, social work, nursing, or teaching.

You may also need to complete a postgraduate course in art therapy or art psychotherapy. In some countries, this course will need to be approved by a body of professionals (like the Health and Care Professions Council in UK).

Therapy professionals average salary:

£34,000-39,000

Working hours: You'll usually work between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, although some jobs may involve evening or weekend sessions. Part-time and freelance (self-employed) work is common.

UK growth: +7.2%, an increase in 118, 954 jobs from 2020-2035

West Midlands growth: +5.8%, an increase of 8202 jobs from 2020-2035

Character virtues

respectful, responsible, creative, compassionate

Key words

clients, techniques, materials, artistic, skills, expression, feelings, emotions