

Approved by the Board of Trustees,
July 14, 2005

Board Meeting
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ELIMINATE MASTER OF ARTS IN ART THERAPY,
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Elimination of the Master of Arts in Art Therapy, College of Architecture and the Arts, Chicago

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Architecture and the Arts, recommends approval to eliminate the Master of Arts in Art Therapy.

For the past two years, the M.A. in Art Therapy program has been suspended, following the retirement of the only assigned faculty coordinator. No new students have been admitted, and all M.A. students enrolled in the program have now graduated. The School of Art and Design, where the program is located, does not have the resources to increase the staff or to reallocate the additional space that would be required to reinstate the Art Therapy program. The American Art Therapy Association (AATA), the licensing body for this program, will not permit a program to be administered without a tenured faculty member with AATA accreditation.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.