Hot off the press!!

The ATCB now has a new student brochure titled: “A Guide To Life After Graduation For Art Therapy Students: Registration (ATR) and Board Certification (ATR-BC)”

To obtain a copy, contact the ATCB!

(Copies of the brochure will be mailed to all graduate Art Therapy Program Directors and/or Coordinators in August, 2003.)

Test Scores Available to Art Therapy Training Programs!

Art therapy training programs that are interested in seeing how their graduates performed in specific knowledge areas of the Board Certification exam can now request this information, effective January, 2003. Information will include the mean and standard deviations of the requesting program, the national statistics of the number of graduates who tested during the time frame, and the number of graduates who passed. The test score reports are prepared for individual training programs to make gross comparisons to national groups and other art therapy training programs on a whole. ATCB does not recommend sharing this data with other training programs and it should be emphasized that examinees’ names will remain confidential and will not be included in the information sent to any program. If only one or two graduates from a specific program take the exam in any given year, the pass/fail record will not be disclosed because the statistics provided will have been compiled over the previous three-year period.

The ATCB is pleased to be able to provide this service in hopes that it will prove beneficial to the art therapy training programs. To obtain the test score information, a letter of request from an authorized representative of the art therapy training program must be sent to the ATCB National Office. Please note that requests for test scores that are sent via email will not be accepted.

Board Certification Exam Study Guide: Suggested Reading List

Are you an ATR-BC who would like to submit suggestions for the reading list that is located in the BC exam study guide? If so, then the ATCB Certification Committee invites you to submit your suggestion(s) for review. The reading list is updated annually and, due to limited space, only books will be considered.

Please submit all suggestions to the ATCB National Office via e-mail (atcb@nbcc.org) or mail (ATCB, 3 Terrace Way, Suite B, Greensboro, NC 27403-3660).

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!
Keeping in compliance with the education standards set forth by the American Art Therapy Association (AATA), the ATCB has revised the ATR Standards and Application Process for Registration. The new standards will be effective for applications dated on or after July 1, 2003. Two major changes of note are:

1.) The number of required semester credit hours in art therapy coursework has changed from 21 to 24.

2.) The minimum number of required, supervised practicum hours has increased from 600 to 700.

Please be aware that these important changes were reflected in the AATA Education Standards brochure, effective date July 1, 2002.

As always, the ATCB seeks to develop, administer, and evaluate a program for the registration of Art Therapists as well as an examination for the certification of Art Therapists. The ATCB welcomes all feedback from registrants and certificants and such feedback can be submitted to the ATCB National Office via phone, fax, or email.

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As the AASCB conference proves to be an excellent tool for networking, I would encourage all of our credential holders to develop relationships with their State Licensure Boards. If there is any way that the ATCB can be supportive of efforts in your state, please don’t hesitate to call the ATCB National Office.

**Recertification News**

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On behalf of the ATCB Board, National Office, fellow registrants and certificants, we would all like to say:

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