# Creative Arts Therapy Certificate Program: FAQ's

**How much does the program cost?**
The cost of each course is $680.00. Nine courses are required to graduate, so the total is approximately $6,200.00.

**How long does the program take to complete?**
Full-time students can usually complete the program within one year, part-time students in two years.

**If I've taken the required psychology courses at another college do I still need to take them?**
No, but you will need to substitute other psychology or Creative Arts Therapy courses to fill the nine-course requirement.

**Does the New School provide visas for international students?**
The New School only provides I-20 visas for full-time degree students. Some international students obtain their visa through other full-time programs while attending the New School.

**Is the program open to students with degrees in other areas, or must their degree be in the arts?**
You can have a degree in any area, but you must have taken at least one introductory psychology course and have some background in the arts. If you have not yet taken any psychology courses, you must take an Introduction to Psychology course as one of your first courses upon starting the CAT Certificate Program .

**When can I begin my fieldwork?**
After completing four courses in your area of concentration, and the two required psychology courses.

**Does the New School help students find jobs?**
There is a contact list for graduates, and job listings are sent out as they become available.

**If I go to another college, will the classes from the Certificate Program count towards a Master's Degree?**
The courses are given at the BA level and do not count towards a Master's Degree, but they sometimes lead to advanced placement when you are accepted into a Creative Arts Therapy Master's program.

**What kind of jobs can a graduate of the Certificate Program get?**
Graduates of the program often find work as teaching artists in the schools, creative arts consultants, and in community service. Please note that graduates of the Certificate Program cannot call themselves " Creative Arts Therapists." Only licensed professionals with a Master's Degree from an approved Creative Arts Therapy program can work as creative arts therapist s in the State of New York .

**Is it possible to audit courses?**
Prospective students are allowed to audit the first or second class of each semester.

**Can I contact current students and/or CAT graduates and ask them about the program?**
Graduates of the program will be offering mini-CAT workshops at the Open House and will gladly answer any questions; individual contact with CAT graduates can be arranged through Dr. Montello

**When is the Open House/CAT Expo usually scheduled?**

On one evening approximately 2 weeks before the start of classes.

**Can CAT certificate students register online?**

No, they must register in person with a signed Certificate Registration Form (by Dr. Montello). Registration is at 72 Fifth Avenue, lower level.