



EMPLOYEE JOB DESCRIPTION

Hours: Full-time, flexible schedule within client scheduling needs

Salary: Competitive

Everyone and everything is art.

And art will change the world.

We believe art is our soul language. It is wonder, magic, and the vessel that carries us to see what has been unseen and hear what has been unspoken.

We believe that art therapists are agents of change – passionate, creative guides who tap into creativity, curiosity and trust to transform the messiness of life.

We believe that it's vital to the human experience to harness the power of the art within us all. This is our life work that will take nothing less than passion, courage and grit.

So, we roll up our sleeves, put on an apron, and arm ourselves for the mess. Because our work is done only when humans reclaim their creative identities and use art to curate hope for all humanity.

This is the art therapy revolution.

Is art therapy your passion? If it is, Dandelion Therapeutic Art Center is where you want to practice art therapy. Our purpose is to be the #1 therapeutic art center in Chicago where individuals, families, and community grow, heal, and transform and where art therapists learn and thrive.

Dandelion provides clinical based art therapy and therapeutic art services under one umbrella, servicing a range of needs and varied access points to healing. Our services are rooted in art therapy theory and practices, using a psychodynamic relational approach in a studio-based enriching environment. We identify as art therapists and not counselors.

Art therapists at Dandelion are encouraged to utilize their own creative talents and clinical skills to facilitate top notch art therapy service while maintaining the philosophy of Dandelion Therapeutic Art Center. Dandelion was not only built to serve our community with the best art therapy services, but it was also built to be a home for art therapists to grow and thrive in our profession. We truly value our employees.

At Dandelion, We Provide

- A creative, fun, engaging, respectful, relational, supportive, learning environment
- W-2 Employee status
- Competitive compensation and ability for uncapped earnings
- Ability to increase compensation year over year through increased splits, bonuses and session rate
- Healthcare Benefits paid at 30% by Dandelion
- 40 hours Paid Sick Leave and 40 hours Paid Time Off as part of two weeks of vacation time
- Retirement Program enrollment
- Billing support which includes medical billing, coordination of benefits/eligibility, and claims submission
- Client referrals
- Intake coordination
- Professional Liability insurance
- Artistic space and materials
- Website profile and marketing
- Offer \$150 paid CEUs towards annually for professional development
- Annual art therapist retreat
- Weekly supervision (for all art therapist regardless of licensure)
- Staff meetings, highly focused on continued professional development of art therapy skills

A Dandelion Art Therapist:

- Provides art therapy services for individuals, families and groups, as assigned (completing a minimum of 25 clinical hours per week)
- Carries out assessment as to develop a comprehensive treatment plan for clients on their caseload using our EHR system
- Keeps accurate data/notes of clients no longer than 48 hours post session, using Simple Practice
- Works in collaboration with a client's family members to develop a cohesive therapeutic approach, assess progress and implement consistent parent session check-ins
- Actively pursues dialogue with other professionals such as psychiatrists, school social workers, additional mental health providers to ensure the best and well-round treatment/care of the client
- Refers clients to additional services, if necessary, including to Dandelion internal and external programming
- Demonstrates empathy and sensitivity to clients of varied socio-economic, racial, cultural, gender identity, sexual orientation and other backgrounds
- Seeks clinical supervision from primary supervisor to help ensure quality delivery of services and professional development as needed, and immediately reports any emergent needs
- Actively participates in all meetings and trainings
- Maintains a clinical studio space as defined by the guidelines of Dandelion Therapeutic Art Center (The Dandelion Way)
- Additional tasks as assigned for the development of the studio practice, including performing duties beyond clinical practice

- Advocates for art therapy internally and externally – with clients’ parents, community at large and outside providers
- Exhibits a commitment to artmaking for professional and community development through the use of their own artmaking practice during client sessions, supervision, staff meetings and personal time
- Is dedicated to, kind, respectful and supportive of all art therapists
- Maintains and promotes quality assurance stands, including, but not limited to, the American Counseling Association Codes of Ethics and Standards of Practice/Codes of Ethics within the art therapy field

Qualifications:

- Certified in The Dandelion Way of art therapy (2026)
- Master’s Degree in Art Therapy
- Professionally credential of Registered Art Therapist (ATR) or working towards credentialing
- Licensed in the state of Illinois as an LPC or LCPC
- Minimum of 2 years professional experience required
- Willingness to work with a wide range of client types within the whole life span
- Availability to work with Dandelion clients during their preferred scheduling times while maintaining a minimum of 25 sessions per week. Dandelion follows a client first scheduling model and schedules are based on client needs.

To apply, send your resume, cover letter and three JPGs of your art (a piece from grad school, a piece created while in session with a client and a personal piece) to officemanager@dandelionartstudio.com.