



## **MPS ART THERAPY DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET**

The MPS Art Therapy Department equips students with a strong clinical foundation, combined with intensive training in studio art, art therapy principles and practices, contemporary theories of psychological development and the nature of creativity. Fundamental to the program is the concept that the art therapist and client work together and thus can affect each other's growth.

The curriculum of the two-year, 60-credit program is interdisciplinary in approach, drawing on art, its clinical and educational applications, and the social sciences. The first year of study covers the general theory and practice of art therapy and is designed to help students understand the relationship between cognition, emotion and behavior, as well as how these areas relate to art diagnosis and treatment. In the second year, students choose between two areas of specialization: addictionology and challenged populations and complete a thesis project.

The MPS in Art Therapy program is approved by the American Art Therapy Association, Inc., and as such meets the Education Standards of the art therapy profession.

### **2009 – 2010 student population**

48 matriculated students

### **Department chair**

Deborah Farber, art therapist

### **Faculty members**

Claudia Bader, Raquel Chapin Stephenson, Irene Rosner David, Rebecca Di Sunno, Michael Fisher, Lisa Furman, Stephanie Gorski, Robert Abel Grant, Carol Greiff Lagstein, Irena Kenny, Markus J. Kraebber, Eileen P. McGann, Basia Mosinski, Meagan O'Connell, Renee Obstfeld, and Valerie Sereno.

### **Alumni are employed by**

Bellevue Hospital; New York University Hospital; CASES (Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services for Court Involved Youth); Victim's Assistance Services of Westchester; Jewish Child Care Association of New York; Interfaith Medical Center of New York; Puerto Rican Family Institute, Adult Partial Hospitalization Unit; Bethel Nursing Home; The Emily Program Eating Disorders Unit, Minneapolis, MN and United Community & Family Services, Norwich, CT.

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