

Asheville is a wonderful place to live with many creative spirits. Since there are no Art Therapy Masters programs in North Carolina, the field is limited in Western North Carolina. Therefore, getting an art therapy specific job will be limited in Asheville. You can get a position as a mental health therapist and employers will be very interested in your art therapy skill base. (I have always had a private practice and teaching jobs, so I am not that connected to the local agencies.) Jobs are often listed in the local weekly paper, *The Mountain Express*. Their classifieds can also be found online. (Note many agencies in WNC do what is called fee for service payment. You do not get a salary, but get paid by the hour when you see a client.) I would also recommend applying for the LPC in NC, as soon as possible, being licensed makes a difference in Asheville's tight job market. Don't forget to check out the North Carolina Chapter of the American Art Therapy Association's website. When you get to town, feel free to give me a call and I would be happy to have a cup of coffee and meet in person.