

Instructions for Submitting a Proposal for the ADTA Virtual Spring Summit March 22-27, 2027

The ADTA welcomes proposals for the 2024 Virtual Spring Summit
Proposals are due online by: **September 21, 2026 at midnight, ET**

NEW FOR 2027!

50% Discounted Registration for Presenters
\$25 Discount for Warm-Up Facilitators

Supervision in Motion: Embodied Leadership & Clinical Growth

As dance/movement therapy (DMT) supervisors and clinical leaders guide the next generation of practitioners, the practice of supervision itself is evolving. It is becoming more embodied, relational, and reflective. This Virtual Spring Summit will explore how supervision, mentorship, and clinical leadership can be enriched through movement-based approaches, supporting supervisees, teams, and organizations in building competence, resilience, and professional and ethical identity.

Whether addressing reflective practice, ethical decision-making, leadership development, or the supervisory relationship itself, we welcome clinically grounded proposals that demonstrate the value of embodied approaches to supervision, highlighting how dance/movement therapy can positively contribute to clinical growth.

This is a fully virtual conference. We are seeking proposals for 75-minute LIVE, Zoom-based presentations, addressing the following content areas across all populations and career levels.

Presentation topics might include:

- Embodied Supervision Practices
- Reflective Practice through Movement
- Leadership Development in DMT
- Case Consultation and Review Models
- Group Supervision Techniques
- Ethical Considerations in Embodied Supervision
- Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Clinical Supervision
- Supervision Across Disciplines (working with supervisees and teams outside DMT)
- Telehealth Supervision
- Supervision Across Career Stages (early career through advanced practice)

Note: Presenters need to be able to present live via Zoom in the evenings during the week of **March 22-27, 2027**, as well as for live tech rehearsals from **3/8/25-3/12/27**. Live presentations

will be recorded for on-demand viewing after the summit concludes.

Your proposals are welcome following the criteria below:

Presenter(s) Requirements:

In order to ensure our summit programming meets requirements set out for continuing education standards, we must determine that presenters have the experience and credentials to present on the topics they are proposing. Prior to submitting your proposal, verify that presenters meet the requirements in one of the following categories:

PRIOR PRESENTER ELIGIBILITY:

- You are ineligible to present if you have presented at the Spring Summit within the last TWO years.

CATEGORY A:

- AT LEAST ONE of the presenters has BOTH of the following:
 - A. holds PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL LICENSE in a mental health field in the United States (e.g. LCAT, LMHC, LPC, LICSW, licensed psychologist, board certified psychiatrist) AND
 - B. holds an EARNED GRADUATE DEGREE from a regionally accredited institution in the United States in a MENTAL HEALTH FIELD (e.g. Dance/Movement Therapy, Counseling, Psychology)
- or

CATEGORY B:

- AT LEAST ONE of the presenters holds an EARNED GRADUATE DEGREE from a regionally accredited institution in the United States in a MENTAL HEALTH FIELD (e.g. Dance/Movement Therapy, Counseling, Psychology)
- or

CATEGORY C:

- AT LEAST ONE of the presenters holds an EARNED GRADUATE DEGREE from a regionally accredited institution in the United States in a FIELD DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TOPIC of your proposed presentation

ADDITIONALLY, NOTE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET FOR ALL PRESENTATIONS:

- AT LEAST ONE presenter HOLDS THE R-DMT OR BC-DMT credential
AND
- At LEAST ONE presenter is a current ADTA member

Continuing Education Hours

The ADTA provides three different types of continuing education for the annual conference.

A. ADTA continuing education (CE) is provided for all conference seminars and requires at least one main presenter of each seminar to be an ADTA member.

B. Seminars may also qualify for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) CE hours. The NBCC has specific requirements for the credentials of presenters as well as the content area. ADTA is NBCC provider #5739.

C. Seminars may also qualify for New York LCATs. ADTA Creative Arts Therapy continuing education Provider Number #CAT-0035} is authorized by the New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioners to provide continuing education to LCATs in New York State.

Selection Process and Criteria

All proposals received by the deadline and meet the minimum proposal requirements will be reviewed by the National Review Panel (NRP).

All identifying information is removed from proposals before sending them to the NRP, thus ensuring a de-identified process. If a reviewer can identify a specific proposal presented by the information provided, the reviewer is asked to decline from reviewing and scoring the proposal.

All proposals that identify themselves or other presenters in the description or abstraction of the proposal will automatically be removed from consideration.

Proposals are reviewed and scored in 5 categories:

- **Suitability:**

- How well does the proposal relate to the summit theme?
- Is the seminar relevant to the theory, research or practice of DMT?
- Is the seminar related to diversity, equity and inclusion as applied to DMT practice, education, consultation/supervision?

- **Professionalism:**

- Is the proposal well written? (grammar, clarity of thought and language, etc.)
- Is the proposal written by someone for whom English is their second language?
- Does it adhere to APA style conventions?

- **Content:**

- Is there internal consistency between the title, learning objectives and description of the seminar?
- Are the learning objectives clear and realistic given a 75 minute or 90 minute seminar time frame and the seminar description?
- Does the description reflect content that is appropriate for attendees working at the master's level or above?

- **Innovation:**

- To what extent is the seminar contributing new knowledge or perspectives to the field?
- If "yes", how well did they articulate how this proposal will offer new knowledge or unique/deeper perspectives?

- **Diversity:**

- Does the proposal suggest the inclusion of attention to diversity issues, as they would relate to the stated topic of the particular seminar?

Overall scores are calculated, and the proposals are ranked and accepted according to rank order and the number of seminar slots available for the summit.

The proposal application is through the ADTA Website, Members can sign into their account to access the form. New Users must provide an email address and a password to establish a non-member account and submit.

Online Proposal Form Instructions

The following are the fields you will need to complete in the online proposal submission process. Please be prepared to include all of the information before you begin your online application.

At this time your application cannot be saved in order to return at a later time. Please make sure you use the list below to gather all information requested, prior to filling out the form.

Primary Presenter & Co-Presenter Information

- Primary Contact Presenter First Name and Last Name
- Email and Telephone Contact
- Street Address and Country
- Primary Contact Presenter Bio (*150-word limit*) and Headshot
- Primary Contact Presenter CV: * (*8000-word limit*)

Disclaimers

If my proposal is accepted, I will:

- refrain from commercialism in my presentation.
- communicate my presentation via Zoom as stated in my proposal.
- Adhere to the **November 2, 2026 deadline of submitting the following:**
 - Signed presenter contract and initial information provided
 - Confirmed tech rehearsals dates
- adhere to the **January 29, 2027** deadline of submitting the following:
 - Final digital slides that will be used in my presentation
 - Speaking script for closed captioner
- I (and my co-presenters, if applicable) commit to participating with office staff in a tech rehearsal, complete with final teaching materials (speaking outline, finalized slides, etc) **between March 8-12**

Submit your Proposal [HERE!](#)