

## Requirements for admission

A serious interest in art and the ability to work within a shared studio environment with other artists. Previous training not required, only a serious commitment to one's work, having the desire to do artwork.

## Accreditation

Gateway Arts is accredited with commendations by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

## Fees

Funding for the Main Studio is available to those who qualify through the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) or Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB).

Families and artists can also privately pay for services.

Please inquire for current rates

## Transportation

Centrally located in Brookline Village.  
Convenient to MBTA and bus routes.  
Metered parking.

Families or individuals can inquire about The Ride.

## To Apply or for Referrals

Contact Ted Lampe  
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# Main Studio

at Gateway Arts

Transforming Lives Through Careers in  
Art for People with Disabilities

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## Artistic Expression - Building a Career in Art

The Main Studio at Gateway Arts is a career development service for artistically talented adults with disabilities.

Artists who participate in this long-established program of Vinfen Corporation receive case coordination and career mentorship from a unique staff, consisting of professional artists with human service training. Above all, program participants experience a cooperative art studio, with access to professional art materials and individual support, while working side by side with other artists. Daily interactions between the artists promote insight, inspiration, and shared creativity, building a sense of community.

This original service of Gateway Arts, which was established in 1973, is a valuable community to several artists, many of whom have worked together in the studios for over 40 years.

"Art can be a way to communicate to the world and connect with the world."

-Stephanie Schmidt-Ellis, Clinical Program Director



Painting by Gateway Artist Michael Natale

"Gateway Arts offers two things critical for humanity: compassion for each other and the experience of artistic expression."

- Massachusetts State Representative Tommy Vitolo

## Making Art Work

Artists are encouraged to explore art mediums while working in the studios. With the mentorship of staff, artists choose their mediums and develop products to sell, developing skills in various mediums, including drawing, painting, collage, cartooning, sculpture, ceramics, fiber art, weaving, mixed media, jewelry making, and new media platforms including animation and digital drawing. Additionally, artists explore expression through creative writing for publication, production in theater, music or film making.



Embroidery by Gateway Artist Jordana Simpson

The artists work in professional studios and exhibit and sell artwork in an onsite and online store and gallery. The artists receive a 50%

commission on all art sales. Artists also exhibit artwork in area, national, and international galleries and their art has been selected for permanent installations and public and private collections. Artists have opportunities to meet with visiting artists and to attend focused field trips to local museums and galleries.

We offer artists the materials to create what they desire to create. We help as much as is needed to get their ideas realized.

-Bil Thibodeau, Artistic Program Director

## Stronger Together

Gateway Arts provides essential access to other practicing artists. Participants make valuable connections with each other through the service and are there to support each other's art and careers. This support takes the form of critique, conversation, and friendship.



Gateway Artist Kathleen Wells with State Rep. Tommy Vitolo

Gateway Arts has been described by many as a community of artists and friends. Many of the artists have worked together for over 20 years. It is crucial for any artist to have a network of support if they are to create serious artwork for an extended period of time. This program provides that network.

"When other people are enjoying my painting, it makes me feel very amazed and so happy."

- Gateway Artist Jordana Simpson



Painting by Gateway Artist Rotimi Osinubi

## A Leader in Arts Services

Gateway is an established leader in the field of arts-based services and career development for adults with disabilities. As such, Gateway is continuously evolving and adapting while remaining steadfast in its commitment to the growth and evolution of programming to meet the diverse interests, strengths, and challenges of emerging populations.