



ACE FOR ART

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Future Prospects for ACE for Art

The entire ACE team plans to complete the art workshops with at least 3 participants by May 18th. This will include training and orientation, technical assistance, enabling individuals to utilize the preliminary ACE program in the lab, and at least one workshop session to complete a collaborative piece reflective of the focus group.

Ultimately the goal is to transfer our ACE for Art project into the community through three different environments: Centers for Independent Living (specifically AACIL), health centers with collaborating rehabilitation engineering departments, and local school districts where students with a disability can access the ACE art program. In addition, we plan to have our program and resources available on our website or images posted on Flickr to promote diverse collaboration of the disability community.

The continuation of collaboration with ACE for Art in other arenas is feasible when the following goals have been met:

1. Pilot participants demonstrate the value and usability of an adapted computer environment by creating images and participating in a collaborative workshop.
2. Collaborative images developed by participants are included in our website mock-up. These images will reflect specific themes and topics to be determined at the collaborative workshops.
3. Post-workshop interviews from participants are completed with recommendations for usability and effectiveness of ACE. This feedback will be considered in the initial program modifications to meet standards for universal access.
4. Initial programming of the ACE Seashore will be completed for both Mac and PC users to download from our website.
5. Additional technical support is available or provided through collaboration with other divisions or outside centers.

The ACE for Art team plans to continue as a GROCS project in residence with involvement of Melissa, Sadie and Brian in different capacities.

Melissa's involvement will continue as an investigator to recruit and complete the workshops with SCI individuals. Her involvement is anticipated during completion of the workshops in the spring and throughout the summer term as necessary to facilitate the

following: continued participation in ACE by pilot participants; transition of the program to the community and home environments; collaborating with the facilities who may acquire ACE; and potentially submitting a NIDRR grant with collaborators for continued support of the project. In addition, when post-workshop data is collected on Life Measure Survey she plans to analyze the results and publish this pilot data in appropriate academic journals. She will also present this work at invited disability or rehabilitation conferences.

Sadie will help to facilitate the collaborative art workshops using the ACE protocol with at least three participants. She will assist in transferring the ACE interface design and prototype to CIL, UM rehabilitation engineering, and local school communities. She is also willing to help write a NIDRR with future collaborators in an effort to continue the project. Sadie will serve as an art resource if the project is transitioned into a new phase, for example inpatient care at the University of Michigan Health Systems and home environments. In addition, Sadie is attending the Society for Disability Studies Conference in June, as a representative of the University of Michigan Initiative for Disability Studies, to present the pilot work we have completed. She will also be involved in the publication of the results in art & disability websites and academic journals.

Brian is available through the end of April and early weeks of May for in-lab support of additional participants. He plans to present some of the ACE materials and processes during the spring and summer conferences in Montreal and Portland. He has limited availability for knowledge transfer and planning meetings with organization(s) interested in continuing the project. He plans to maintain the website for ACE and will provide the initial programming with user recommendations for improvements.

The following is a preliminary list of further programming recommendations that will need to be completed for ACE to continually meet the needs of the participants:

(Brian please add here)