

Courtney Anderson spent her childhood following her father's Army career to locations around the world, though she always considered South Dakota to be home. From an early age, Courtney found great value in utilizing the arts to express herself, process emotions, and develop her world view.

Courtney was introduced to the field of arts in health while attending the University of South Dakota. Through course work, volunteer and internship experience, Courtney realized the remarkable potential for arts engagement in the healthcare environment. Courtney graduated from the University of South Dakota in 2018 with a BS in Psychology, a minor in Art and a certificate in Arts in Healthcare, inspired to utilize the arts in her career to encourage participants to recharge and reconnect with their inherent creativity.

Hired in 2018 as an Art Specialist with Sanford Arts, an arts in healthcare program at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, Courtney has since gained valuable experience in executing the role of an arts program administrator and a depth of practice in facilitating arts engagement activities with the diverse participant populations at Sanford Health. As an emerging professional in the field of arts in health, one of Courtney's greatest passions is bringing awareness to the benefits of arts engagements in the hospital setting and aiding the continued enrichment of the field of arts in health in the Midwest.