

Music Therapy

Master of Music (M.M.)

Develop your practical skills and knowledge to use music to address physical, psychological, cognitive, and social needs



Specific Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in music therapy from a regionally accredited institution
- Board certification in music therapy (or international equivalent)
- GRE test scores are not required for this program

Program Completion Requirements

- 30-32 graduate-level credits
- A minimum of 24 credits must be earned at Colorado State University (up to six transfer credits accepted)
- Up to nine credits may be taken before formal admission to the degree program
- The degree is available with a thesis (Plan A) or a non-thesis (Plan B) option in which the student completes a final oral and written exam

Time Frame

Program is designed to be completed in three years, but can also be completed at your own pace. Summer courses are required to complete this degree.

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Overview

The Master of Music in Music Therapy degree from Colorado State University will advance your knowledge of Neurologic Music Therapy (NMT) theory and practice and expand your skills and knowledge to use music within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, psychological, cognitive, and social needs of individuals. Students gain knowledge of neurological sciences, music, research, and evidence-based practice to expand the depth and breadth of your clinical skills in advanced and specialized fields.

You will prepare to be a neurologic music therapist by using a variety of evidence-based techniques to address sensorimotor, speech and language, cognitive, and psychosocial behavior. Learn to work with people who have neurological disorders such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Autism, developmental disorders, and multiple sclerosis. Students also learn how to develop treatment programs for your patients that involve singing, listening, creating, and moving to music.



Degree Requirements and Curriculum

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- Plan B – 32 credits are required.
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With this graduate degree, you will take a wide variety of courses in music theory, music history, and composition. In addition, the program includes courses in psychology, physiology, and a clinical core emphasizing the research aspects of music therapy

1st Year

- MU 647 – Historical Foundations of Music Therapy (3 cr.)
- MU 648 – Scientific Foundation of Music in Therapy (3 cr.)
- BMS 300 - Principles of Human Physiology (4 Cr.)
- Elective (3 cr.)

2nd Year

- MU 518 – Analytic Techniques II (3 cr.) OR MU 534 – Music of the Romantic Era (3 cr.)
- MU 545 – Composition for Music Therapy Practitioners (3 Cr.)
- MU 686 – Graduate Practicum (3 cr.)
- MU 696G – Group Study: Advanced Practice (3 cr.)

3rd Year

- EDRM 600 – Introduction to Research Methods (3 cr.)
- STAT 511 – Design and Data Analysis for Researchers I (4 cr.) OR Elective (3 Cr.)
- MU 695G – Independent Study (3 cr.) OR MU 699 – Thesis (3 cr.)

**Music therapy is a growing field,
and this degree can lead to
many great career advancement
opportunities for you.**



Career Opportunities

A career in music therapy offers challenge, opportunity, and distinctive rewards to those interested in working with people of all ages with various disabilities. With this advanced education and training, you will be prepared to take a central and independent role in client treatment plans.

Graduates are prepared to implement treatment in a variety of settings, including:

- General and psychiatric hospitals
- Community mental health agencies
- Rehabilitation centers
- Substance abuse programs
- Oncology treatment centers
- Pain and stress management clinics
- Daycare facilities
- Nursing homes
- Hospice care
- Schools
- Special education settings
- Correctional settings
- Private practice

Who should earn this degree?

Working music therapists with board certification who are interested in furthering their knowledge of neurologic music therapy.

READY TO GET STARTED?

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