Music Therapy
Master of Music (M.M.) – Music Therapy Specialization

Overview
Advance your career as a music therapist with our nationally recognized master’s degree program in music therapy. Through your course of study, you will learn how to use music as a form of therapy to address the physical, psychological, cognitive, and social needs of individuals.

• Expand your background in neurological sciences, music, and research.
• 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.
• Earn your music therapy degree at your own pace and still maintain full-time employment. The program requires only one on-campus session.

You will develop your skills as a music therapist, with focus on neurologic music therapy techniques that promote changes in cognitive, sensorimotor, speech and language, and psychosocial functioning. This degree develops your use of neurologic music therapy techniques to:
• Rehabilitate individuals with neurologic disease and disorders
• Maintain functioning with older adults
• Improve the communication, academic performance, and social skills of children with disabilities
• Promote cognition and enhance memory
• Facilitate motor development in children with disabilities
• Improve treatment outcomes

Who should earn this degree
You should earn the Master of Music in music therapy degree from Colorado State University if you are a working music therapist with board certification and you are interested in furthering your knowledge of music therapy.

Delivery
Online and on campus

Credits
Plan A – 30 credits
Plan B – 32 credits

Tuition
$605 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame
Can be completed in 2 years

Degree Awarded
Master of Music in Music, transcript reflects the Music Therapy specialization

Offered By
School of Music, Theatre and Dance

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**Minimum Admission Requirements**

- Bachelor’s degree in music therapy from a regionally-accredited institution; no exceptions allowed
- Board certification in music therapy (or international equivalent)
- A video recording of functional music skills
- GRE test scores are not required for this program

**Completion Requirements**

- Plan A – 30 credits are required
- Plan B – 32 credits are required
- 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 project and written exam

**Curriculum**

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.

**Required Courses**

- MU 545 - Composition for Music Therapy Practitioners (3 cr.)
- MU 647 – Historic Foundations of Music Therapy (3 cr.)
- MU 648 – Neuroscience/Music Foundations in Therapy (3 cr.)
- MU 686 - Music Therapy Practicum (3 cr.)
- MU 695G - Independent Study: Music Therapy (3 cr.)
  OR
- MU 699 - Thesis (3 cr.)

**Elective Courses**

- MU 543 - Advanced Research Methods in Music Therapy (3 cr.)
- MU 649 - Advanced Practice in Music Therapy (3 cr.)

Additional elective course options may be selected in the areas of Biomedical Sciences, Education Research Methods, Counseling and Career Development, and Music.

**The Learning Experience**

This graduate degree is delivered mostly online with one required four-day, on-campus visit in Fort Collins, CO, typically during the second year of the program. These weekends, from Thursday to Sunday, include training that is not possible to receive online.

This program gives you the flexibility to get the degree you want without a strict timeline, but it still requires the same amount of work and time as an on-campus program. It is recommended to allow nine to twelve hours per week for a three-credit course. This will vary depending on your learning and studying style.

Your interaction with the faculty and fellow students depends on the specific course. Online courses do provide you with online office hours and email contact. You also collaborate on projects and exchange ideas with fellow classmates through email and discussion board postings.