

Music Therapy

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



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ONLINE

Overview

Advance your career as a music therapist with CSU's nationally recognized online music therapy degree. 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 degree at your own pace and still maintain full-time employment. The program requires only one on-campus session.

A neurological approach to music therapy

Develop your skills as a music therapist by focusing on neurological techniques that promote changes in cognitive, sensorimotor, speech and language, and psychosocial functioning. Develop your use of 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.

CSU's faculty incorporate their innovative research and clinical work into online courses, ensuring your experience is practical and up-to-date. You will learn the leading industry practices from faculty specializing in areas that include:

- Neuroscience research applied to music therapy
- The use of technology in clinical settings
- Music therapy percussion pedagogy
- Cognitive and communication skills in children with autism spectrum disorders

Curriculum

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.

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(970) 492-4898

online.colostate.edu/contact

Delivery

Online and on campus

Credits

Plan A – 30 credits

Plan B – 32 credits

Tuition

\$605 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Can be completed in 2 years

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

More info

online.colostate.edu/degrees/music-therapy

How to Apply

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Application Deadline

Fall semester: **July 1** Spring semester: **November 1**

1 Review Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in music therapy from a regionally accredited institution. *No exceptions allowed.*
- Board certification in music therapy (or international equivalent).

2 Prepare Application Materials

- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of professional goals
- Writing sample
- Music audition

3 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.

- Select “Music MM – Distance” when choosing the program of study.

4 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.