

PH.D. IN MUSIC THERAPY

The Ph.D. in Music Therapy emphasizes research and scholarship, as appropriate for the music therapist who aspires to a career in research, college-level teaching, or advanced clinical practice. In this program, students engage in coursework that advances scholarship and helps to reach professional goals. Students are involved in groundbreaking research, with the opportunity to develop original research in an area of interest.

The degree is focused on three core areas:

- **Research Core:** Engages in coursework and collaborative research projects that are focused on advancing research skills. Opportunity to pursue original research.
- **Music Therapy Clinical Practice Core:** Further understanding of advanced clinical competencies, with an emphasis in evidence-based practices.
- **Academic Core:** In order to prepare for a future as an educator or supervisor in music therapy, Students engage in coursework focused on teaching and learning in higher education.

Credit Requirements

The Ph.D. in Music Therapy is comprised of 72 credits, of which 30 credits may be accepted from a prior master's degree. Program credits include:

- 12-15 credits in each core area (research, clinical practice, academic) that are selected to prepare the student for future work in an academic, research, or advanced clinical position.
- 15 directed electives, which are selected with the graduate committee to best meet the student's needs and career goals. Subjects of study may include, but are not limited to, neuroscience, music therapy methods, research methods, statistics, teaching methods, and developmental science.
- The program culminates with a final exam and completion of a substantial piece of original research.

Requirements Effective Fall 2021

Code	Title	Credits
Clinical Core		
MU 544	Advanced Techniques-Neurologic Music Therapy	3
MU 545	Composition and Improvisation--Music Therapy	3
MU 647	Historical Foundations of Music Therapy	3
MU 648	Neuroscience/Music Foundations in Therapy	3
MU 649	Advanced Practice in Music Therapy	3
Research Core		
MU 543	Intro to Applied Music Research Methods	3
MU 743	Interpretivist Research in Music Therapy	3
MU 744	Music Therapy Research to Practice	3
MU 692G	Seminar: Music Therapy	3
Academic Core		
EDAE 620 or EDUC 651	Processes and Methods Multicultural and Special Populations	3

EDAE 639	Instructional Design	3
MU 684	Supervised College Teaching	3
MU 792	Seminar in Music Therapy ¹	6
Dissertation		
MU 799	Dissertation ²	15
Electives (to be chosen in consultation with doctoral advisor) ³		0-15
Program Total Credits:		72

¹ MU 792 should be taken twice for a total of 6 credits.

² Variable credits per semester may be taken in order to add up to 15 total credits.

³ Student may apply an earned Master's degree for up to 30 credits toward the PhD requirements.

A minimum of 72 credits are required to complete this program.