

# PH.D. IN MUSIC THERAPY

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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.