

MASTER OF MUSIC, PLAN A, MUSIC THERAPY SPECIALIZATION

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The Master of Music, Music Therapy Specialization at CSU is intended to provide Board Certified music therapists with advanced training in clinical skills and research. Our curriculum specializes in neuroscience and evidence-based music therapy to improve sensorimotor, speech and language, and cognitive function in children and adults who have disabilities. Specifically, the study of music therapy at CSU is designed to prepare music therapists for advanced clinical work in music therapy, as music therapy supervisors and administrators and for teaching positions at the college or university level.

Two master's curriculum tracks are offered: the first is a thesis program of 30 credit hours designed to provide students with the opportunity to complete a substantial research project. The second track is a 32-hour program that requires, in lieu of a thesis, additional coursework in music therapy, a final project, and a common final exam. Either program prepares the student to pursue doctoral study. Our academic curricula are approved by both the American Music Therapy Association and the National Association of Schools of Music.

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.

[The Master of Music, Plan A, Music Therapy Specialization is offered on-campus \(https://music.colostate.edu/music-therapy/\)](https://music.colostate.edu/music-therapy/) or online (<https://www.online.colostate.edu/degrees/music-therapy/>).

Learning Objectives

Students who earn the degree will demonstrate advanced learning in clinical practice, research, and teaching. Specific objectives include:

1. Identify theoretical constructs from music therapy and related fields that underlie various clinical practices.
2. Define a variety of philosophies, approaches, and/or theories in music therapy.
3. Describe research according to ethical principles in a variety of methodologies to sufficiently address meaningful research questions in music therapy.
4. Implement a diverse and equitable approach to music therapy practice.

Admission

[For information about the admissions processes to the Graduate School and School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, please visit our website.](#)

[Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.](#)

Music Program Fee

A music program fee is assessed with Undergraduate and graduate music and musical theatre majors and music minors, per semester. Does not apply to the following students: online degree students and summers-only master's degree students. Please visit the **Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President** for special course fees.

Requirements Effective Fall 2021

Code	Title	Credits
MU 543	Intro to Applied Music Research Methods	3
MU 545	Composition and Improvisation--Music Therapy	3
MU 648	Neuroscience/Music Foundations in Therapy	3
MU 649	Advanced Practice in Music Therapy	3
MU 686	Music Therapy Practicum	3
BMS/EDCO/EDRM/PSY/NB Electives ¹		9
Music Electives ¹		3
MU 699	Thesis	3
Program Total Credits:		30

A minimum of 30 credits are required to complete this program.

¹ Specific courses will be approved by the student's graduate committee. Students may be required to take additional course work as determined by diagnostic examinations and/or their graduate committee.

Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration

6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination
7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee
11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)	Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
13. Submit a signed Thesis/ Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/ dissertation	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.
14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
15. Graduation	Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website