



MASTER OF **MUSIC** **THERAPY**

PURDUE UNIVERSITY®
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Master of Music Therapy program at Purdue Fort Wayne offers an immersive degree designed to broaden your understanding of music as a clinical, evidence-based treatment. Here, you will dive deep into theory and research, and learn to transfer academic concepts into advanced, evidence-based clinical practice.

Through coursework that challenges you to engage in rigorous self-inquiry, you will sharpen your professional identity and clinical intuition needed for advanced practice. You will do this alongside a dedicated cohort, building a lifelong community of peers who will support you long after graduation.

Most importantly, you will elevate the care you provide. By mastering nuanced, culturally sensitive techniques, you will better serve your clients while finding renewed satisfaction and fulfillment in your work.

If you are ready to deepen your knowledge about music therapy, contact us now. We look forward to joining you on your journey.



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MMT BENEFITS

THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE DIFFERENCE

The Purdue University Fort Wayne Master of Music

Therapy (MMT) program is offered in a hybrid format. This means you don't need to relocate or change your current job status in order to finish your MMT degree.

Our curriculum is flexible. This enables you to

customize your learning needs and reach your professional goals. Learn with faculty who have extensive experience as music therapy clinicians and educators.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Develop integral thinking that goes beyond individual theories or approaches to provide effective, culturally sensitive, and personalized service to clients.

Broaden and deepen your knowledge and clinical skills while fine tuning your personal philosophy of music therapy.

Cultivate reflexivity and creativity in your clinical practice.

Utilize our on-campus clinic, our numerous community partners, and our nationwide network to put your enhanced clinical skills to practice in a wide array of healthcare settings.



EQUIVALENCY DEGREE OPTION

If you hold a bachelor's degree in a music field other than music therapy, including, but not limited to: music education, music performance, or music industry, our Master of Music Therapy Equivalency track is designed for you.

Courses are offered in the summer to prepare you for graduate courses in the fall semester.



THE MASTER OF MUSIC THERAPY DEGREE PROGRAM

CUSTOMIZABLE CURRICULUM

- Select ten credit hours from a pool of specialization courses to customize your curriculum to meet your own professional, clinical, and personal goals.
- Use electives to focus your curriculum on your career goals
- Make use of opportunities for short-term study abroad courses and participate in professional conferences and symposia
- Choose either thesis research or an advanced clinical project to complete your degree program

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Cumulative Grade Point Average from most recently conferred undergraduate degree or from graduate degree or course work: 3.0 equivalency (A = 4.0)
- Undergraduate degree in music therapy OR the MT-BC credential
- OR an undergraduate degree in a related area with transcribed college-level music study, plus 15 credits of undergraduate course work in human sciences
- A successful functional music skills audition and interview with the MMT faculty
- An application essay addressing your personal relationship with music and how this has informed your decision to pursue graduate studies in music therapy



MASTER OF MUSIC THERAPY (MMT)

Option for students with a completed undergraduate degree in music therapy who hold the MT-BC credential. Additionally, all equivalency students who have completed their internship are automatically granted entry to the MMT curriculum.

MMT Students can begin coursework in either Fall or Spring Semesters

CORE MMT CURRICULUM (22 CR.)

MUSC 51000	Music Therapy in Medicine and Healthcare	2 cr.
MUSC 51500	Clinical Practice in Music Therapy	2 cr. x 2 semesters
MUSC 51800	Topics in Music Therapy Ethics	2 cr.
MUSC 52000	Music Psychotherapy	2 cr.
MUSC 52500	Theories & Approaches in Music Therapy	3 cr.
MUSC 53000	Music Therapy Research Methods I	3 cr.
MUSC 53500	Music Therapy Research Methods II	3 cr.
MUSC 55000	Music Therapy Thesis or Advanced Clinical Project	3 cr.

SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM IN MUSIC THERAPY (10 CR.)

At Purdue University Fort Wayne, we champion a personalized approach to graduate study. We empower our students to shape their own professional trajectory by selecting specialized coursework that directly aligns with their career goals. To complete the MMT, students curate ten credit hours of advanced music therapy or cognate courses, tailored specifically to their interests and approved by the Director of Music Therapy.

Ten credit hours of a specialized curriculum in advanced music therapy courses or cognate areas as approved by the director of music therapy. Examples are provided below:

MUSC 54100	Music Therapy and Child Development	2 cr.
MUSC 54200	Music Therapy in Addictions Treatment	2 cr.
MUSC 54200	Family Work in Music Therapy	2 cr.
MUSC 54200	Music Therapy for Medically Fragile Children	2 cr.
MUSC 54300	Advanced Practice I: Infants, Children, & Adolescents	2 cr.
MUSC 54400	Advanced Clinical Improvisation	2 cr.
MUSC 54500	Advanced Practice I: Integrative Medicine	2 cr.
MUSC 54400	Evidence-Based Music Therapy for Premature Infants	2 cr.
MUSC 54400	Music Therapy in End of Life Care	2 cr.
MUSC 54400	Music Therapy in the NICU	2 cr.

Total: 32 credit hours

REQUIREMENTS

You must meet the following criteria for conferral of the MMT degree:

- 32 graduate credit hours
- 3.0 GPA
- Successful defense of thesis or an advanced clinical project

ACCREDITATION

The Purdue University Fort Wayne School of Music graduate music therapy program is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and the American Music Therapy Association.

MASTER OF MUSIC THERAPY WITH EQUIVALENCY (MMT/E)

The **Master of Music Therapy Equivalency** track is designed for students who hold a bachelor's degree in a related music field but do not yet possess a music therapy degree. This program includes 21 credit hours of equivalency coursework followed by a six-month clinical internship. Successful completion of the internship qualifies students to sit for the Board Certification Examination (MT-BC) and **grants seamless entry into the 32-credit MMT curriculum**. For equivalency students, the MMT degree is only conferred after completing all equivalency and MMT curriculum requirements on the above page.

Please note: depending on your undergraduate transcript, foundational courses in psychology, clinical skills, or guitar may also be required.

Equivalency Requirement: 21 Credit Hours
MMT Requirement: 32 Credit Hours
Total Credit Hour Requirement: 53 Credit Hours

PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENCY COURSES

Taken before automatic admission to the MMT curriculum.

MUSC 41800	Psychology of Music	3 cr.
MUSC 39800	Music Therapy Methods and Clinical Applications I	3 cr.
MUSC 39800	Music Therapy Methods and Clinical Applications II	3 cr.
MUSC 51800	Methods of Music Therapy I	2 cr.
MUSC 54000	Methods of Music Therapy II	2 cr.
MUSC 49800	Intensive Introduction to Music Therapy Practice	4 cr.
MUSC 55000	Intensive MT Practicum	2 cr.
MUSC 54800	Internship in MT	2 cr.

Depending on your undergraduate transcript, foundational courses in psychology, clinical skills, or guitar may also be required.

CORE MMT CURRICULUM (22 CR.)

MUSC 51000	Music Therapy in Medicine and Healthcare	2 cr.
MUSC 51500	Clinical Practice in Music Therapy	2 cr. x 2 semesters
MUSC 51800	Topics in Music Therapy Ethics	2 cr.
MUSC 52000	Music Psychotherapy	2 cr.
MUSC 52500	Theories & Approaches in Music Therapy	3 cr.
MUSC 53000	Music Therapy Research Methods I	3 cr.
MUSC 53500	Music Therapy Research Methods II	3 cr.
MUSC 55000	Music Therapy Thesis or Advanced Clinical Project	3 cr.

SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM IN MUSIC THERAPY (10 CR.)

Ten credit hours of a specialized curriculum in advanced music therapy courses or cognate areas as approved by the director of music therapy. Examples are provided below:

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MUSC 54400	Music Therapy in End of Life Care	2 cr.
MUSC 54400	Music Therapy in the NICU	2 cr.

MMT/E Students can begin coursework in either the summer semester or fall semester; there is no spring start option for MMT/E Students.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

JUL
15

Fall admission

DEC
1

Spring admission

MAR
15

Summer admission*

*Only summer entry is available for applicants without an undergraduate degree in music therapy or board certification.

STEPS TO APPLY

Application:

To begin your application create an account through the portal at [pfw.ed u/grad -apply](http://pfw.ed.u/grad-apply). Applicants can make and save changes before submitting by logging in with the username and password used to create the account.

Application Fee:

The Graduate School application fee is \$60 (U.S. dollars) for domestic applicants and \$75 (U.S. dollars) for international applicants. Your application will not be processed until your nonrefundable application fee has been paid.

Transcripts:

Through the application portal, you must upload transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended regardless of whether or not a degree was received. If a degree was received then it must be printed on the transcripts. If no degree conferral is printed on the transcripts then a copy of the original diploma (degree certificate) is needed. If the documents are not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university that issued it. For those who have completed degrees in the People's Republic of China, you will also be required to submit the Graduation Certificate.

Statement of Purpose (Essay):

The Academic Statement of Purpose is typically a 500-word statement that outlines:

- Your academic and professional background, detailing how your experiences have prepared you for graduate study in this field.
- Your career goals and how a graduate degree from Purdue Fort Wayne will help you achieve them.

Focus on demonstrating how you fit with the program by discussing faculty members you want to work with, the program's qualities, or specific research or career opportunities.

Personal History Statement:

Approximately 500 words, highlights your unique experiences, challenges, and achievements that have shaped who you are today. This is your chance to share:

- Your personal background, such as your upbringing, or life events that influenced your perspective.
- Why you're a good fit for Purdue Fort Wayne's program beyond academics, emphasizing personal qualities like resilience, leadership, or community engagement.

This statement is your opportunity to stand out and present a compelling narrative about your journey and why you want to earn your graduate degree at Purdue Fort Wayne.

Recommendations:

Submit names of at least two individuals who are qualified to evaluate your academic or on-the-job performance who can attest to your ability to pursue a graduate degree. In the online application to the Purdue Graduate School, once you click "Send to Recommender," each individual will receive an email with instructions for submitting their recommendation online.

Once submitted, the graduate program to which you applied will have access to view your recommendation(s).

Resume:

A current resume must be submitted.

Functional Music Skills Audition and Interview:

Once you have submitted your application, the School of Music will contact you to arrange an audition and interview with the MMT faculty. The functional music skills test will include your performance on a primary instrument and singing while accompanying yourself on guitar and on keyboard. Specifics about audition requirements will be given to you at the time your audition is arranged.

*Submission of GRE scores is optional and not necessary to apply

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

All international applicants must also submit the following items to be considered for admission:

English Proficiency Scores:

(For exams taken before January 21, 2026)

TOEFL iBT

Overall Score: 80 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 19
Listening: 14
Speaking: 18
Writing: 18

TOEFL Essentials

Overall Score: 8 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 8
Listening: 8
Speaking: 8
Writing: 8

(For exams taken after January 21, 2026)

TOEFL iBT

Overall Score: 4.0 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 4.0
Listening: 3.5
Speaking: 3.5
Writing: 4.0

TOEFL Essentials

Overall Score: 8 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 8
Listening: 8
Speaking: 8
Writing: 8

IELTS

Overall Score: 6.5 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 6.5
Listening: 6.0
Speaking: 6.0
Writing: 5.5

Duolingo English Test

Overall Score: 115 with the following minimum section requirements:

Literacy: 115
Comprehension: 115
Conversation: 115
Production: 115

ELS- Certificate

Level 112

Waiver of English Proficiency Scores

Routine waivers of an English Proficiency exam are granted for applicants that meet an alternate criterion:

- Earned a Baccalaureate, graduate, or professional degree within the last 36 months prior to the time of recommendation for admission - from a school where English is the primary language of instruction, in a country where English is the native language.
- Citizen of official English-speaking country

Note: Some graduate programs may still require a test of English proficiency, please confirm the acceptance of the waiver with your department.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution.

An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document.

Official documents should be submitted to:

Purdue University Fort Wayne
Office of Graduate Studies
Doermer School of Business Room 304 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1499, USA

Domestic transcripts must be sent directly from a Registrar's office to the Office of Graduate Admissions via mail or email (graduate@pfw.edu). If you mail them yourself, it must be in an envelope sealed by the registrar.

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