



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

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**FORT WAYNE**

**Office of  
Graduate Studies**

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our MMT program is far more than a list of courses you check off to receive a degree. Here, you will actively engage in learning experiences that will broaden your understanding of the affordances music offers as a transformative force in people's health and well-being. You will take a deep dive into theory and research and apply it to clinical practice. Self-reflection and personal development will lead to your increased awareness and growth as a professional. You will develop relationships with others in your cohort who will become a strong and enduring support system for the rest of your career. Most importantly, your clients will benefit from the enhanced effectiveness of your nuanced clinical skills that are culturally sensitive and individualized for their specific needs, while you will feel more satisfied and fulfilled with your chosen profession.

If you are ready to re-invigorate your career, 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 are a trained musician but don't have an undergraduate degree in music therapy or the MT-BC credential, we have an equivalency option that will meet your needs.

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 a specialization track in music therapy in integrative medicine or in music therapy for infants, children, and adolescents
- 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 and/or the MT-BC credential

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## 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.

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## SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM IN MUSIC THERAPY IN INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE (10 CR.)

MUSC 54400 Special Topics in Music Medicine 2 cr.  
MUSC 54500 Advanced Practice I: Integrative Medicine 2 cr.  
Electives in approved music therapy or cognate area courses 6 cr.

OR

## SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM IN MUSIC THERAPY FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN (10 CR.)

MUSC 54100 Music Therapy and Child Development 2 cr.  
MUSC 54300 Advanced Practice I: Infants, Children, & Adolescents 2 cr.  
Electives in approved music therapy or cognate area courses 6 cr.

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**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)

Equivalency option for those students without an undergraduate music therapy degree or professional music therapy credential

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## EQUIVALENCY PRELIMINARY COURSES

MUSC 39800 Music Therapy Methods and Clinical Applications 3 cr. x 2 semesters

MUSC 41800 Psychology of Music 3 cr.

MUSC 49800 Intensive Introduction to Music Therapy Practice 4 cr.

MUSC 39800, 41800, and 49800 are offered as a sequence of summer intensive courses to allow students to begin enrollment in the fall into the MMT degree course sequence. Equivalency preliminary courses include pre-internship clinical hours (three to four per week) with supervision.

## CORE MMT CURRICULUM (30 CR.)

MUSC 50500 Methods of Music Therapy I 2 cr.

MUSC 50800 Methods of Music Therapy II 2 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 54000 Intensive Music Therapy Practicum 2 cr.

MUSC 54800 Clinical Internship 2 cr.

MUSC 55000 Music Therapy Thesis or Advanced Clinical Project 3 cr.

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## SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM IN MUSIC THERAPY IN INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE (10 CR.)

MUSC 54400 Special Topics in Music Medicine 2 cr.

MUSC 54500 Advanced Practice II: Integrative Medicine 2 cr.

Electives in approved music therapy or cognate area courses 6 cr.

— OR —

## SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM IN MUSIC THERAPY FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN (10 CR.)

MUSC 54100 Music Therapy and Child Development 2 cr.

MUSC 54300 Advanced Practice I: Infants, Children, & Adolescents 2 cr.

Electives in approved music therapy or cognate area courses 6 cr.

**Total: 53 credit hours**



# APPLICATION DEADLINES:

JUL  
15

Fall admission

OCT  
15

Spring admission

MAR  
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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.edu/grad-apply](http://pfw.edu/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:**

TOEFL iBT Overall Score: 80 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 19

Listening: 14

Speaking: 18

Writing: 18

IELTS Overall Score: 6.5 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 6.5

Listening: 6.0

Speaking: 6.0

Writing: 5.5

TOEFL Essentials Overall Score: 8 with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 8

Listening: 8

Speaking: 8

Writing: 8

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  
[graduate@pfw.edu](mailto:graduate@pfw.edu)

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

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