

Music Therapy Masters Equivalency

For individuals who have already completed a bachelor's degree in a related discipline (not in music therapy), yet who are wishing to pursue graduate studies in music therapy, the masters equivalency program combines entry-level competency acquisition in music therapy with the masters degree.

SHSU Masters Equivalency Program Pre-Equivalency Checklist

Students entering the masters equivalency program are expected to have already completed a bachelor's degree in music, including the courses listed below. If any of these courses have not yet been completed, they can be taken here at the Sam Houston State University. Taking these additional courses, however, may lengthen the amount of time required to finish the program. In certain, situations, alternate courses from other universities can substitute for the required courses. The decision to substitute courses will be made by the Director of Music Therapy, in conjunction with the Graduate Music Therapy Advisor/Coordinator. In order to determine whether or not the following requirements have been met, the student should obtain their official transcripts for their previous degree(s) and meet with the Graduate Music Therapy Advisor/Coordinator.

Music Requirements:

Music Theory I, II, III, IV _____
Musicianship I, II & III _____
Music Literature _____
Music History _____
Conducting _____
Applied Lessons (6 semesters) _____
Performing Ensemble (6 semesters) _____
Piano Competency _____
(4 semesters of Class Piano and/or Passage of Piano Proficiency Exam)

Behavioral Science Requirements:

Introduction to Psychology _____

According to the AMTA Standards for Education and Clinical Training, a grade of C- or above must be earned in each music therapy course. However, students should be advised that grades of C in music therapy courses and grades of C or below in music therapy related courses (psychology, anatomy, special education, etc.) could result in a student's not being accepted for a clinical internship nor masters level courses in music therapy.

The masters equivalency program in music therapy works in conjunction with the graduate degree. The first year of the program consists entirely of undergraduate prerequisite courses. Students must demonstrate successful completion of these courses before entering graduate level courses in the second year. Exceptions may be granted by the Music Therapy Graduate Advisor.

**Following completion of the music therapy undergraduate courses and the music therapy internship, students are eligible to take the music therapy board certification exam, then to practice as Board Certified Music Therapists (MT-BC's).

SHSU Masters Equivalency Program in Music Therapy
Sample Degree Plan

<u>Year1: Fall</u>	<u>Year 1: Spring</u>
MUSI 2338 - INTRO TO MUSIC THERAPY (3) MUSI 3365W – OBSERVATION AND MEASUREMENT IN MUSIC THERAPY(3) MUSI 1330 – FUNDAMENTALS OF GUITAR (3) MUSI 4110 – PRACTICUM IN MUSIC THERAPY III (1) MUSI 4395 – MUSIC THERAPY TECHNIQUES II (3) BIOL 2445- HUMAN ANATOMY (4)	MUSI 2339 - PSYCHOLOGY OF MUSIC (3) MUSI 1365 OR 1366 – FUNDAMENTALS OF SINGING (3) MUSI 3337 – INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS FOR THE MUSIC THERAPY SETTING II (3) MUSI 3118, – PRACTICUM IN MUSIC THERAPY 2 (1) MUSI 3366 – MUSIC THERAPY TECHNIQUES I (3) MUSI 4396 – MUSIC THERAPY TECHNIQUES III(3) MUSI 3110 - STUDY OF PERCUSSION (1)
Total = 17	Total = 17
<u>Year 2: Fall</u>	<u>Year 2 :Spring</u>
MUSI 3336 – INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS FOR THE MUSIC THERAPY SETTING I (3) PSYC 3331 - ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3) MUSI 6398 - Research Techniques (3) MUSI 5222 - Philosophy & Theory of Music Therapy (2) MUSI ???? - EQUIVALENCY PRACTICUM (2) PSYC 3374 – DEVELOPMENT PSYCHOLOGY (3)	MUSI 4397 - INTERNSHIP IN MUSIC THERAPY (3) MUSI 4398 - INTERNSHIP IN MUSIC THERAPY (3)
Total = 16	Total = 6
<u>Year 3: Fall</u>	<u>Year 3: Spring</u>
MUSI 53XX - Music History (3) MUSI 6221 - Research in Music Therapy (2) MUSI 5223 - Graduate Practicum (2) <i>or</i> MUSI 5222 - Clinical Supervision (2) PSYC 53XX - Graduate Elective (3)	MUSI 5330 - Analytical Techniques (3) MUSI 6332 - Advanced Music Therapy Practice (3) XXXX XXXX - Graduate Statistics - (3)
Total = 10	Total = 9
<u>Year 4: Fall</u>	
MUSI 6399 - Master's Thesis I (3) MUSI 5068 - Grad. Seminar – Master Thesis II (3)	
Total = 6	81 Credit Hours