why SHSU?

This is a university that thinks big but feels small. With a student population of over 17,000, SHSU prides itself with creating a close community. Current students and alumni alike attest to the warm, supportive environment found all over the SHSU campus. Faculty members are more than professors—they are mentors, advisors, informal tutors, and personal links to great career connections.

Sam Houston State University has something—and then some—for everyone. No matter where you look, you will find ways to have fun, make great friends, enjoy the arts, serve others, and challenge yourself.

An education from Sam Houston State University prepares graduates to be a vital part of the world. It gives them the theoretical and practical knowledge to understand and solve challenges. It equips them with the experience and confidence to become effective leaders. It develops in them a heart for service to their communities. It gives them the tools they need to have an impact—as new graduates and for the rest of their lives.

There are many ways to learn more about Sam Houston State University, but the best way is to come visit campus and experience it for yourself.

The Music Therapy Program at Sam Houston State University is one of few in the state of Texas and in the nation.

The Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy offers intensive coursework in music as well as the study of neuro-behavioral sciences.
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Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy

Changing Lives One Note at a Time

Music Therapy is an appropriate career choice for accomplished musicians who are interested in a health care profession dedicated to improving the lives of others. It involves using music as a tool to help people develop, maintain, or regain important life skills such as communication, physical movement, pain management, attention, memory, emotional health, or social skills.

Sam Houston State University prepares Music Therapy students to sit for the national board certification exam and to practice as professional Music Therapists. Board Certified Music Therapists (MT-BC) are found working in hospitals, special education programs, mental health centers, senior facilities, hospice programs, rehabilitation centers, correctional facilities, outpatient clinics, and private practices.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships from the School of Music are available and are determined by the audition and interview. Students may apply for non-degree specific scholarships through the ScholarX online application. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their education at Sam Houston.

In addition to SHSU admissions requirements, prospective students must pass both a School of Music audition and an interview with Music Therapy faculty.

COURSEWORK

The 4.5 year degree plan offers students a variety of learning experiences, both within the classroom and in clinical settings. SHSU’s Music Therapy Clinic, located on campus, is one venue used to provide hands-on training as well as observation opportunities. The Bachelor’s Degree concludes with a 5-6 month full-time internship.

SHSU also offers a Master of Music in Music Therapy and an Equivalency Program for students interested in continuing their education. All of the Music Therapy Programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and approved by the American Music Therapy Association.

“I think music in itself is healing.”
- Billy Joel