Other academic programs offered through the School of Music:

- Composition Track, BM
- Music, BA
- Music Education Track – Instrumental, BM
- Music Education Track – Instrumental String, BM
- Music Education Track – Choral, BM
- Performance Track – Instrumental, BM
- Performance Track – Vocal, BM
- Performance Track – Piano, BM
- Minor in Music
A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN MUSIC THERAPY

The music therapy program at Sam Houston State University is one of few in the state of Texas and in the nation. The 4.5 year degree plan offers students experiences both within the classroom and in clinical settings. Music therapy is the appropriate 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.

The SHSU music therapy program offers intensive coursework in music as well as the study of neuro-behavioral sciences. Graduates are prepared to sit for the national Board Certification exam and to practice as a professional music therapist.

REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the SHSU admissions requirements, prospective students must pass both a School of Music audition and an interview with music therapy faculty. Fall auditions are held in January and February; Spring auditions are held on an individual basis.

Minors: A minor is not required for this program, however, students may pursue one based on individual career goals.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students are considered for School of Music scholarships on the basis of School of Music auditions and may apply for non-degree specific scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston. SHSU provides a quality education at an affordable cost.

INTERNSHIPS

Following the completion of all coursework, music therapy students must fulfill a six month clinical internship at an American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) or SHSU-approved internship site. The internship is the final requirement for graduating. Students are certified to practice as music therapists after completion of the program and passage of the national Board Certification exam.