

# MUSIC THERAPY WITH OPTIONAL COUNSELING CONCENTRATION

MASTER OF MUSIC THERAPY

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

## DELIVERY METHOD

Interactive online classes and  
face-to-face intensives

## START TERMS

Fall and Spring

## COMPLETION TIME

2 years

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

36-48 credits

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), between 2018 and 2028 healthcare occupations and those associated with healthcare (including mental health) will account for 18 of the 30 fastest growing occupations. This rapid growth in the number of these jobs is understood to be a result of the aging baby-boom population, longer life expectancies, and growing rates of chronic conditions.

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University

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Slippery Rock University's Master of Music Therapy program is designed to prepare advanced-level professional music therapists to work in the rapidly expanding field of music therapy by providing students with the opportunity to expand the breadth and depth of their knowledge and skills in music therapy.

The Master of Music Therapy program will prepare graduates to have:

1. Advanced knowledge of, and skills in, music therapy theory, research, and clinical practice
2. Advanced musical and artistic skills for music therapy
3. Awareness of personal, cultural, and social factors that impact the therapeutic relationship
4. An in-depth understanding of the professional role of the music therapist

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Master of Music Therapy offers:

- A 36-48 credit hour program with a two-year rotating curriculum.
- Students completing the 48 credit MMT are eligible to complete the Clinical Mental Health Counseling endorsement program at SRU which will take an additional year.
- Completion of the endorsement program will make students eligible to apply for PA licensure. Each state has different requirements for counseling licensure. Students will be responsible for contacting their state licensing board for their state requirements. Completion of the coursework does not guarantee licensure in each state.
- A flexible and convenient hybrid format (interactive synchronous and asynchronous online classes and face-to-face intensives either attended in-person or virtually) ideal for working professionals.
- Unique advanced music therapy training with a strong emphasis on culture, diversity, ethics, and social justice throughout the curriculum.
- Courses taught by distinguished internationally recognized faculty.
- SRU's Master of Music Therapy is approved by the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA). SRU is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

SRU is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and the Master of Music Therapy program is approved by the American Music Therapy. Pennsylvania does not require state licensing; however, some states do require licensing for music therapists. If you are interested in practicing in another state, please contact the licensing board in that state.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and a non-refundable application fee:

1. Applicants to the Master of Music Therapy program must have completed a bachelor's degree in music therapy (with a GPA of 3.00 or higher), including an internship in an approved program, or have completed a music therapy equivalency program, including completion of a music therapy internship.
2. Applicants without an undergraduate degree in music therapy or its equivalence can complete the necessary coursework, on-campus or through distance learning, and internship requirements for music therapy board certification through SRU prior to the MMT coursework.
3. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
4. Resume
5. Personal Statement - statement of Professional Goals
6. Video-recordings of three songs accompanied on piano and three songs accompanied on guitar. On each instrument, there must be one song appropriate for children, one for adolescents or adults, and one for older adults. Video recordings must be provided in a digital format and the links submitted as part of the application materials.
7. A synchronous video interview with the MMT program director. Interviews will be scheduled after all other application materials have been filed.

Applicants who do not meet all the criteria, but who have demonstrated effectiveness in the field, may be offered conditional admission upon recommendation of the MMT program director and approval by the Director of Graduate Admissions. Admission to the program will not require the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or other entrance exam, which will facilitate enrollment by adult learners.

## TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

## CURRICULUM GUIDE - MMT - 36 CREDITS

21 credits in Core Music Therapy Courses. 12 credits in electives. Thesis/final project and a comprehensive exam is required in addition to the completion of the coursework.

### Core Music Therapy Courses

MUSI 604	Reading Music Therapy Research	3
MUSI 606	Clinical Assessment: Principles, Procedures and Tools	3
MUSI 607	Cultural and Social Foundations of Music Therapy	3
MUSI 608	Theories of Supervision in Music Therapy	3
MUSI 610	Ethical & Professional Issues in Music Therapy and Related Fields	3
MUSI 611	Social Justice Approaches to Music Therapy	3
MUSI 705	Advanced Music Therapy Practicum	3
Subtotal		21

<b>Electives</b>	<b>Select 12 credits of electives:</b>	<b>12</b>
MUSI 598	Selected Topics	
MUSI 605	Designing Music Therapy Research	
MUSI 612	Medical Music Therapy	
MUSI 613	Music Psychotherapy	
MUSI 614	Systems Thinking in Music Therapy	
MUSI 698	Selected Topics	
MUSI 700	Independent Study	
MUSI 750	Advanced Music Therapy Internship	

### Thesis or Final Project

MUSI 650	Final Project	3
or MUSI 800	Final Thesis	

**Total Hours** **36**

## CURRICULUM GUIDE - MMT/COUNSELING 48 CREDITS

18 credits in Core Music Therapy Courses. 6 credits in advanced music therapy internship. 12 credits in electives. 12 credits in Counseling. Thesis/final project and a comprehensive exam is required in addition to the completion of the coursework. Core Music Therapy Courses

### Core Music Therapy Courses

MUSI 604	Reading Music Therapy Research	3
MUSI 606	Clinical Assessment: Principles, Procedures, and Tools	3
MUSI 607	Cultural and Social Foundations of Music Therapy	3
MUSI 608	Theories of Supervision in Music Therapy	3
MUSI 610	Ethical & Professional Issues in Music Therapy and Related Fields	3
MUSI 611	Social Justice Approaches to Music Therapy	3

### Advanced Clinical Skills

MUSI 705	Advanced Music Therapy Practicum	3
MUSI 750	Advanced Music Therapy Internship	3

### Electives **Select 9 credits of electives:** **9**

MUSI 598	Selected Topics	
MUSI 605	Designing Music Therapy Research	
MUSI 612	Medical Music Therapy	
MUSI 613	Music Psychotherapy	
MUSI 614	Systems Thinking in Music Therapy	
MUSI 698	Selected Topics	
MUSI 700	Independent Study	
CDEV 598	Selected Topics	
CDEV 607	Contextual Dimensions of Diagnosis	
CDEV 617	Advanced Adult Counseling	
CDEV 636	Advanced Addictions Counseling	
CDEV 644	Advanced Counseling Theory and Practice	
CDEV 680	Assessment in Counseling	
CDEV 685	Advanced Youth Counseling	
CDEV 698	Selected Topics	

### Counseling Courses

CDEV 629	Helping Relationships in Music Therapy	3
or CDEV 614	Helping Relationships	
CDEV 633	Career and Lifestyle Development for Music Therapy	3
or CDEV 603	Career Development and Counseling	
CDEV 635	Lifespan Development for Music Therapy	3
or CDEV 610	Lifespan Development	
CDEV 637	Group Counseling for Music Therapists	3
or CDEV 612	Group Counseling	

### Thesis or Final Project

MUSI 650	Final Project	3
or MUSI 800	Final Thesis	

**Total Hours** **48**

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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