

Music Therapy Certification Eligibility

A Full-time, Two-year Professional Studies Program (39 credit hours)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee.
- Baccalaureate degree in the performing arts or a related field with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume.
- One letter of recommendation addressing your academic abilities, professional experiences, and readiness for the program.
- Professional Goals Statement addressing the following questions: Where do you see yourself five years from now in relation to the profession of music therapy? What goals do you have that you hope to reach over the next five years? Also, given what you have learned about the Shenandoah Conservatory and our Certificate program, how might our institution in particular assist you in reaching your goals?
- An interview and audition with the Directory of Graduate Music Therapy Studies, arranged after all application materials are submitted.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
1st Year – Fall Semester		
MUTH 513	Theoretical Foundations of Music Therapy	3
MUTH 514	Performing Therapy: An Experiential Orientation	2
CONR 590	Music Therapy Research: Contemporary Overview	2
1st Year – Spring Semester		
MUTH 523	Developmental Music Therapy Practices	3
MUTH 524	Professional Orientation to Music Therapy	2
MUTH 535	Practicum: Developmental Disabilities	2
MUTH 531	Psychology of Music	3
2nd Year – Fall Semester		
MUTH 536	Music Therapy Practices in Medical Settings	3
MUTH 537	Music Therapy Practices in Mental Health Settings	3
MUTH 544	Practicum: Medical/Rehab	2
MUTH 545	Practicum: Mental Health	2
2nd Year – Spring Semester		
MUTH 583	Music Therapy Internship I	3
MUTH 584	Music Therapy Internship II	3
2nd Year – Summer Semester		
MUTH 585	Music Therapy Internship III	3
MUTH 586	Music Therapy Internship IV	3
Total		39

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Fall Admissions

START TERM(S): Fall Only

MINIMUM GPA: 3.0 cumulative

AUDITION & INTERVIEW: Required

Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process at the Conservatory Application Information page: www.su.edu/conapp.

Transfer Credits

Up to 9 graduate credits may be transferred when earned at an accredited institution. All transfer credit must fulfill curricular requirements or electives and have an earned grade of B- or higher.

All applied instruction must be completed at Shenandoah Conservatory – no transfer credit is accepted in this area. Based on a complete transfer credit analysis, the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies makes final decisions regarding transfer credit.

Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at www.naces.org.

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Dr. Anthony Meadows

Director of Graduate Music Therapy Studies

Dr. Meadows brings more than 25 years of clinical experience and extensive experience as a researcher and educator to the classroom. He is Editor in Chief of *Music Therapy Perspectives*, Chair of the MAR-AMTA Research Committee, and has served for many years on the AMTA Assembly of Delegates. He has published widely and has twice received the Flagler Fultz Research Award.

Dr. Meadows has worked in a wide range of clinical settings, including more than 10 years experience with adults in a cancer center. His mentorship approach to graduate education fosters strong connections between students and faculty, allowing students to discover and thrive.

Dr. Meadows holds degrees from Temple University (MMT, PhD) and the University of Melbourne (B. Mus). He is also a Fellow of the Association for Music and Imagery, and a Licensed Professional Counselor (PA).



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Professional Studies Graduate Program for Music Therapy Certification Eligibility at Shenandoah Conservatory is designed for individuals who currently hold a bachelor's degree in music or a related field and wish to train as a music therapist, gaining the nationally recognized credential, Music Therapist-Board Certified (MT-BC). The Professional Studies Graduate Program in Music Therapy Certification Eligibility emphasizes music foundations, clinical foundations (including studies in psychology, human development, exceptionality, psychopathology, principles of therapy and the therapeutic relationship) and music therapy foundations, where you will progress through an integrated sequence of courses that promote professional skills, self-awareness and ethical practice.

Mentorship and a dynamic learning experience are central to this process. Our faculty combine decades of clinical experience with their unique perspectives and practices to provide you with an educational program tailored to your learning needs.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS LEARN

Becoming a music therapist is an unfolding process of discovery. Like therapy itself, our classes not only teach you how to be a skilled therapist, but also how to think therapeutically, build on your music skills and develop an inquisitive, self-reflective stance.

We bring our extensive clinical experience into the classroom to guide you to become an empathic, confident therapist, building upon your identity and skills while doing so. For some students, this is work with children; for others, work with adults. We understand your unique backgrounds and life experiences and build upon both as you work towards professional knowledge and competence as a music therapist.

WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM UNIQUE?

Celebrating our 40th year in 2015, the Music Therapy program at Shenandoah University is one of only two programs in the state of Virginia and has become a hub for music therapy activity in the community. Our partnerships with agencies such as the Adult Care Center, Winchester Memorial Hospital, Blue Ridge Hospice, NW Works, NREP and Westminster Canterbury offer numerous opportunities for you to gain hands-on experience beyond the classroom, and to increase your employment possibilities after graduation.

Each faculty member in the music therapy department has established particular areas of expertise that are foundational to their expression as music therapists and music therapy researchers. You'll learn from experienced and supportive professors and benefit from access to the Marian Sung Music Therapy Clinic, a unique community partnership that allows you to observe and participate in a range of music therapy sessions.

The SU Music Therapy Association (SUMTA) provides links to state, regional, and national organizations in music therapy, and provides you with service-oriented opportunities in the community, as well as opportunities to attend music therapy workshops and conferences in support of your education at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH CONSERVATORY

Shenandoah University's world-renowned Shenandoah Conservatory offers intense, specialized, professional training in music, theatre and dance. Students work with a faculty of active professionals as they develop artistically and intellectually for careers in the performing arts. Fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), Shenandoah Conservatory offers degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, artist diploma and doctoral levels and produces nearly 400 performances each year. More than 700 students are currently enrolled.

Shenandoah Conservatory's mission is to unite aspiring artists and scholars with distinguished and caring faculty in a community that prepares individuals for meaningful, satisfying careers in the arts.