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Professional Licensure Program in Creative Arts Therapy

The Department of Music at SUNY New Paltz offers a master's degree in Music Therapy. Music Therapy applicants pursue a program of study leading to candidacy for licensure as a creative arts therapist (LCAT) through the New York State Education Department Office of the Professions. Following the completion of the 48-credit degree in Music Therapy, students must pass a professional licensing examination and complete 1500 clock hours of supervised clinical experience in order to qualify for Licensure as a Creative Arts Therapist in New York State.

Graduate Program in Music

- MS in Music Therapy

MUS521. Applied Music: Piano. 3 Credits.
Individual weekly lessons in piano. Lessons adapted to the needs of the student. A total of 15 hours of private instruction per semester will be given. Offered every semester.
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS522. Applied Music: Voice. 3 Credits.
Individual weekly lessons in voice. Lessons adapted to the needs of the student. A total of 15 hours of private instruction per semester will be given. Offered every semester.
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS523. Applied Music: Misc. 3 Credits.
Individual weekly lessons in a classical or jazz instrument. Lessons adapted to the needs of the student. A total of 15 hours of private instruction per semester will be given. Offered every semester.
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS541. Recreative Methods in Music Therapy. 3 Credits.
A graduate level course for Music Therapists and Music Therapy majors. Clinical needs of the elderly will be explored, including the needs of the well elderly based on the research literature. Music Therapy techniques will be practiced, and students will expand their repertoire in working with clients.
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS524. Medical Music Therapy. 3 Credits.
Varied clinical theories in music therapy service, delivery and procedures related to these theories will be presented. Students develop musical programming, assessment, and treatment plans for clients with varied needs. Minimum grade required B-
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS540. Music Therapy Foundations. 3 Credits.
Varied clinical theories in music therapy service, delivery and procedures related to these theories will be presented. Students develop musical programming, assessment, and treatment plans for clients with varied needs. Minimum grade required B-
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS543. Music Therapy for Older Adults. 3 Credits.
A graduate level course for Music Therapists and Music Therapy majors. Clinical needs of the elderly will be explored, including the needs of the well elderly based on the research literature. Music Therapy techniques will be practiced, and students will expand their repertoire in working with clients.
Restrictions:
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS544. Medical Music Therapy Assessment and Treatment. 3 Credits.
Focuses on the needs of client in acute and rehabilitative medical settings, including various approaches and methods of music therapy. Students will develop skills in assessment, treatment, and evaluation for medical clientele with a variety of diagnoses and functional levels. Minimum grade required B.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS535. Advanced Clinical Musicianship. 2 Credits.
The use of advanced instrument and vocal techniques used in the implementation of music therapy methods will be presented. Indications and contraindications for use in clinical practice will be described.
Minimum grade of B required.
Restrictions:
- Must have the following level: Graduate
- Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit
MUS545. Music Therapy in Special Education. 3 Credits.
Provides an overview of issues and practices in special education service
delivery for music therapists. Course content includes: national and
state educational policy directives, learning standards-based curricular
development and clinical techniques for working in diverse settings
with students with special needs in terms of assessment and treatment
strategies.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• (MUS 240 Minimum Grade of B- and (MUS 340 Minimum Grade of B-
May not be repeated for credit

MUS546. Advanced Clinical Improvisation. 3 Credits.
Varied improvisational methods, styles and techniques will be presented.
Students will expand their assessment, facilitation and evaluation skills
using improvisational methods, Minimum grade required B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS547. Advanced Guitar for Therapists and Educators. 3 Credits.
This course will provide students with advanced guitar skills such
as movable chords, jazz chords, lead guitar parts, and various
accompaniment patterns unique to given styles and artists.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS548. Music Therapy Ensemble. 2 Credits.
This course provides students the opportunity to play and lead pre-
composed and improvised musical activities in a variety of styles within
a group context. Focus will be directed on leading clients with varying
musical abilities, assigning instruments and the parts to be played
according to the clinical needs of clients, and the synthesis of jazz, pop
and pentatonic improvisation techniques into ensembles.
Attributes:
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
• Creative Works
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in one of the following classes: Senior, Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• MUS546 Minimum Grade of B-
May be repeated for credit

MUS549. Creative Arts Therapies with Autism Spectrum
Disorder. 3 Credits.
Covers the theory and practice of the New York State licensed creative
arts therapies as specifically applied to clients with ASD. Students will
review current research regarding each of the therapies and their use for
students/clients with ASD.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit

MUS550. Advanced Receptive Music Therapy Methods. 3 Credits.
Advanced receptive methods including imaginal listening, projective
listening, and song discussion methods will be covered in didactic and
experimental formats. Minimum grade required B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS553. Music Therapy Ethics. 2 Credits.
A study of applied professional ethics with attention to music therapy
clinical practice, private practice, teaching, supervision, and research.
Emphasis is placed on the process of ethical thinking and examining
ethical issues. Minimum grade of B required.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May be repeated for credit

MUS555. Music Therapy in Mental Health and Wellness. 3 Credits.
Methods and approaches for assessing, treating and evaluating
individuals who have mental health issues, including PTSD. Students
will develop skills in using music for wellness in individual and group
settings. Minimum grade of B required.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or
concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS593. Music Selected Topic. 12 Credits.
Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on
a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule
of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as
elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of
the course changes.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit

MUS594. Fieldwork in Music. 1-12 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May not be repeated for credit
MUS595. Indep Study Music. 1-12 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit

MUS724. Music Therapy in Addictions Treatment. 3 Credits.
Overview of addiction and substance use including current theories and treatment models. Music therapy methods for addressing the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual issues related to addiction and recovery will be introduced. Minimum grade B.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS725. Music Therapy in Palliative Care. 3 Credits.
Students will engage in a comprehensive overview and in-depth exploration of music therapy methods in palliative care and end-of-life care. Various settings of care, clientele and diagnoses, and areas of clinical need are explored.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• MUS544 Minimum Grade of B-

May not be repeated for credit

MUS726. Music Therapy Pedagogy and Supervision. 3 Credits.
Students will examine contemporary trends and challenges in the education, training, and supervision of music therapists.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS730. Music Therapy in Pediatric Critical Care. 3 Credits.
Focuses on the use of specialized music therapy methods to address the physiological and psychological needs of children and adolescents in critical care settings. Assessment, treatment planning and implementation will be reviewed.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS742. Music Therapy Research. 3 Credits.
Students examine major research paradigms including objectivist, interpretivist, and other evolving research methods. Minimum grade required B-.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS743. Fieldwork 1. 2 Credits.
Supervised continuing clinical experiences of work with groups and individuals at University - affiliated sites. Weekly faculty-directed seminar covers critical issues pertaining to assessment, treatment and evaluation of music therapy.
Attributes:
• Service Learning
• Field Study
• Clinical Placement
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
• Creative Works
• Research

Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• MUS743 Minimum Grade of B-

May not be repeated for credit

MUS744. Fieldwork 2. 2 Credits.
Supervised continuing clinical experiences of work with groups and individuals at University - affiliated sites. Weekly faculty-directed seminar covers critical issues pertaining to assessment, treatment and evaluation of music therapy.
Attributes:
• Service Learning
• Field Study
• Clinical Placement
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
• Creative Works
• Research

Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• MUS743 Minimum Grade of B-

May not be repeated for credit
MUS745. Music Therapy Internship I. 3 Credits.
Students will be placed in community settings such as local hospitals, schools, and rehabilitation programs to provide opportunities to practice advanced music therapy techniques with clients under the supervision of a Board Certified Music Therapist. Students must complete at least 125 hours of clinical practice.
Attributes:
• Service Learning
• Field Study
• Clinical Placement
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
• Creative Works
• Research
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)
Prerequisites:
• MUS744 Minimum Grade of B-

MUS746. Music Therapy Internship II. 3 Credits.
This second semester course in the music therapy internship sequence places students in clinical settings such as hospitals, schools, and rehabilitation programs providing opportunities that expand the range of experiences resulting from working with a variety of populations and professionals who provide services to them. In addition to clinical work at their respective sites, students participate in a bi-weekly internship seminar held by their supervising academic instructors in which students engage in discussion about music therapy and clinical matters as well as present their clinical work and receive feedback from peers and supervising instructors.
Attributes:
• Service Learning
• Field Study
• Clinical Placement
• Practicum - Non-Clinical
• Creative Works
• Research
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)
Prerequisites:
• MUS745 Minimum Grade of B-

Students choose their thesis project and develop a topic proposal for their study. Students will review the literature, develop research questions, and explore thesis designs. Cultural and ethical considerations in research will be examined. Minimum grade B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS748. Thesis Seminar. 1 Credit.
Provides students with a forum to discuss issues related to the conducting of a thesis project. Topics covered will include legal issues and institutional policies regarding the conducting of research on human subjects.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS749. Thesis. 1 Credit.
Students complete project developed on MUS747 Thesis Topic Proposal. Taken for a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 3 semesters. If not completed within 3 semesters, must repeat MUS742 Research Methods. Minimum required grade B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

MUS750. Cultural Humility in Music Therapy. 2 Credits.
Issues influencing music therapy practice across various cultures, integrating therapeutic knowledge and skills, and musical skills. Students will engage in exploring their cultural identity, and its influence on their development as a therapist. Minimum grade required B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit
MUS752. Music Therapy Program Development and Evaluation. 2 Credits.
Overview of methods for identifying population and community needs for music therapy, development & methods of evaluating the effectiveness of such programs. Includes business plan development, budgeting, and proposal writing. Minimum grade B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

May not be repeated for credit

MUS754. Music Therapy Across the Lifespan. 3 Credits.
An examination of music therapy theory and research related to the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of individuals. Challenges to normal development including congenital factors, chronic illness, and mental health related disorders will be considered.
Restrictions:
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• COU575 Minimum Grade of B-

May not be repeated for credit

MUS756. Music Therapy Groupwork. 3 Credits.
Theoretical approaches to music therapy groupwork with a focus on group dynamics and interpersonal interactions. Advanced music and verbal facilitation techniques will be introduced. Students will facilitate demonstration music therapy groups. Minimum grade required B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
• Must be enrolled in the following field(s) of study (major, minor or concentration): Music Therapy (285)

Prerequisites:
• MUS535 Minimum Grade of B-
• MUS550 Minimum Grade of B-
• MUS546 Minimum Grade of B-

May not be repeated for credit

MUS775. Advanced Music Therapy Internship. 1 Credit.
Supervised internship experience in a clinical setting that focuses on developing advanced competence in music therapy assessment, treatment, and evaluation. Course includes weekly academic supervision. Minimum grade required B.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate
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Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit

MUS794. Fieldwork in Music. 1-12 Credits.
May not be repeated for credit

MUS795. Indep Study Music. 1-12 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit

MUS799. Continued Registration. 6 Credits.
Restrictions:
• Must have the following level: Graduate

May be repeated for credit