Major in Music Therapy

A degree in Music Therapy prepares students for a rewarding career in music therapy and requires extensive training in both musical and clinical skills. The BMT program provides the interdisciplinary and clinical training necessary to meet the diverse emotional, mental, social, and physical health care needs of clientele. As an established allied health profession, music therapists work in a variety of settings including private practices or in hospitals, hospices, schools, and other facilities. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the Certification Board of Music Therapists (CBMT) exam. Upon passing the exam, graduates earn the MT-BC (music therapist - board certified) credential and are then eligible to apply for the music therapy license in the state of Georgia to practice as a licensed professional music therapist (LPMT). This program is fully approved by the American Music Therapy Association.

Develop Skills

social perceptiveness active listening reading
active learning critical thinking
service orientation leadership decision-making
time management analytical thinking writing
learning strategies self-control
oral communication flexibility
stress tolerance dependability independence
persuasion problem-solving persistence
repertoire development musicianship
writing dependability piano skills
stress tolerance improvisation guitar skills integrity
adaptability

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

WHAT

- Music Therapist
- Music Director
- Musician
- Music Tutor
- Music Teacher
- Creative Arts Therapist
- Activity Therapist
- Activity Coordinator/ Director

WHERE

- Daycare Centers
- K-12 Public & Private Schools
- Recreation Centers
- General Hospitals
- Special Education Facilities
- Pediatric Hospitals
- Day & Residential Programs for Individuals with Disabilities
- Senior Living Communities
- Mental Health Facilities
- Assisted Living Centers
- Correctional Facilities
- Private Practices
- Outpatient Clinics
- Skilled Care Facilities
- Hospice & Palliative Care Organizations
- Rehabilitation Centers

...the possibilities are endless.

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Explore and Engage with Music Therapy

- Present research at a conference
- Become comfortable with movement to music and performance
- Connect with others in the field and build your network
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan
- Volunteer in a rehabilitation setting
- Take related courses
- Talk to your academic advisor
- Demonstrate genuine interest in helping people

Considering adding a Minor?

These minors can complement the Music Therapy major

- Music
- Creative Music Media
- Dance
- English
- Global Health Studies
- International Studies
- Women & Gender Studies
- Theatre
- Rhetoric
- Public Health
- Philosophy
- Marketing

Top employers at GC for Music Therapy majors

- Carlyle Place
- Central State Hospital
- Metro Music Therapy
- Florida State Hospital
- Fulton County School System
- Therabeat Inc.
- Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- UAB Medicine
- Baldwin County Life Enrichment Center
- West Central GA Regional Hospital
- Mary Cariola Center
- West Central GA Regional Hospital

Median Starting Salary for Music Therapy majors

$35,656*

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*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

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