



MUSIC THERAPY INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

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OUR WORLD

Thank you for your inquiry regarding a music therapy internship at Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital is a National Roster Music Therapy Internship Program and interns are accepted from all AMTA approved academic programs with your advisors approval. Music therapy Interns are considered a vital part of our program.

Music therapy interns are supervised by a Board-Certified Music Therapist (MT-BC). The internship lasts six months (26 weeks), January-June and June-December.

Children's Hospital is a full service, not-for-profit pediatric facility located within the city of New Orleans, adjacent to the beautiful 58 acre Audubon Park, and near both bus and street car lines. The variety of diagnoses and age groups admitted to Children's Hospital offers a tremendous learning opportunity.

The major sections of the hospital are: Acute Care, Pediatric, Cardiac and Neonatal, Intensive Care Units, and the Rehabilitation Center. Interns in the Child Life Department work in all areas.

ACUTE CARE UNITS

Music Therapists work with acute care patients whose diagnosis range greatly from congenital disorders, orthopedic issues, neurologic impairments, and other acquired or chronic illnesses to patients dealing with the psychological effects of hospitalization and illness. Music Therapists provide services for these patients in their room, in the music therapy clinic, in our play areas or even outside.

CRITICAL CARE UNITS

Music Therapists provide services for these patients at their bedside in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Patients in these units are recovering from critical illnesses, accidents or surgery, cardiac surgery or medical issues related to prematurity.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Music Therapists serve as members of the Rehabilitation Team who work with patients who have brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and amputation among various other illness/injuries that result in impaired function. Music therapy is a part

of every patient's treatment plan when they are admitted for this program. Rehabilitation Team meetings are held weekly to review patient progress, coordinate services and plan for discharge. Music Therapy is frequently called upon to provide co-treatment with other therapists (PT/OT/ST) to assist the patient with reaching their goals.

EVENING/WEEKEND/HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Music Therapy Interns are responsible for providing group activities at least one evening per week, one weekend per month and one holiday special event during their internship. Groups are of various ages and families are encouraged to attend and participate. The focus of these groups is to provide a normalized and developmentally appropriate environment for patients in the hospital.

CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING INTERNS

1. Music Therapy and related experiences (i.e. volunteer work with children or in a hospital) as described on application form and via telephone or personal interview.
2. Letters of recommendation and advisor recommendation
3. Successful completion of required course work from an AMTA approved institution.
4. Competency on at least 2 accompaniment instruments, not to include voice.
5. Essay question responses, interview and audition
6. Grades attained in course work with emphasis on courses in Anatomy, Music Therapy Practicum/ Pre-Clinical Experiences, Music Therapy Course Work, Method and Materials Classes, applied instruments and attainment of the following competencies:

Musical Skills

- Ability to play basic chord progressions (I, IV, V) on the guitar in at least 2 keys to accompany singing.
- Ability to play basic chord progressions (I, IV, V) on the piano/keyboard in at least 3 keys to accompany singing.
- Ability to accompany a song on guitar and/or keyboard and lead a group in singing.
- Ability to play a melody on the piano/keyboard and accompany it with simple chord progressions.
- Ability to read music.

- Demonstrate functional use of voice, including singing in appropriate ranges, with correct pitch and appropriate rhythm and volume.
- Ability to transpose a simple song into 2 different keys on 2 different instruments, one of which must be guitar or autoharp.
- Ability to sight read a simple melody with written chordal accompaniment.
- Ability to compose simple original songs.
- Ability to improvise, using keyboard, guitar/autoharp, and/or rhythm instruments.
- General functional knowledge of music theory.
- Knowledge of songs appropriate for all age groups, birth to late adolescence.

Therapeutic Skills

- Ability to observe and assess a patient's response to music interventions, including the patient's mood, affect, and behavior.
- Ability to accurately document progress from music therapy interventions.
- Ability to express themselves verbally and in writing in a professional manner.
- Ability to plan and implement age appropriate music therapy interventions.
- Demonstrate good time management skills.

Professional Qualities

- Ability to remain flexible, and value the diversity of patient populations encountered.
- Ability to work independently.
- Demonstrate professionalism, and ability to interact well with other disciplines.
- Demonstrate ability to accept constructive feedback, and to seek assistance when needed.
- Demonstrate ability to follow hospital policies and procedures, including infection control and confidentiality policies.

WHAT YOU MUST SUBMIT

1. The application.
2. Three letters of recommendation, including one from your University Director of Music Therapy, which affirms that you are eligible for an intern placement and the attached Checklist for Evaluation of Entry Level Requirements.
3. A complete official transcript of courses and grades from all colleges/universities attended. Partial transcripts for equivalency or equivalency/master's students will not be accepted.
4. An Essay – See Application for directions
5. Other items to include in your application packet are: a resume', clinical documentation samples, and a video of

your performance and therapy skills. A video will be a requirement if you will be unable to arrange for an onsite interview/audition. Videos can be submitted on DVD or via link to www.youtube.com. Please use professional discretion when submitting DVD's and making videos. Obtain all appropriate consent if including clients/patients in your presentation. DVD's cannot be returned.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

A deadline of March 15, for January positions and October 15 for June positions is required. Please note that due to the volume of mail and applications I receive, it will be necessary to strictly enforce these deadlines.

LEGAL CONTRACT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

A student affiliation agreement between your university and Children's Hospital New Orleans must be completed. Proof of liability insurance must be documented and a copy provided to your supervisor prior to the first day of your internship.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations must be up to date including but not limited to MMR, Tetanus and Hepatitis B. A Tuberculin Skin Test must have been completed within the last year. Proof of these vaccinations must be documented and a copy provided to your supervisor before the first day of your internship. Also, music therapy interns will be required to have a flu shot to prevent transmission within the hospital. If you choose to forgo the flu shot, you will be required to wear a mask while in all patient care areas from December – May.

This information may not answer specific questions you have regarding Children's Hospital and/or what our internship program offers you personally and professionally. I encourage you to contact me at kbell@chnola.org or (504) 896-9350 with your individual questions and I will be more than happy to answer them. Your clinical training period is the last "rehearsal" before your career begins. It is of utmost importance you choose the facility most applicable to your needs.

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