

PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: January 13, 2025

School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department/Division: Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Program (Major and Degree): Master of Music (M.M.)

Which campus(es) will offer this program? Athens Campus

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2026

1. Area of Emphasis Title: Master of Music with an Emphasis in Music Therapy with Equivalency

2. Area of Emphasis Description:

The Master of Music (M.M.) with an Emphasis in Music Therapy with Equivalency (Non-Advanced Standing) is designed for students who do not hold an undergraduate degree in music therapy. This program provides comprehensive foundational training to prepare students for entry into the field and eligibility for the board certification exam. Following the required internship, students continue with advanced coursework that mirrors the curriculum offered to those in the “Advanced Standing” track for students who already possess a Bachelor’s degree in Music Therapy. These studies include in-depth exploration of clinical practice, research methodologies, and current developments in the field of music therapy. Students are required to have an undergraduate degree in music to apply for this track. Students with a bachelor’s degree in music therapy should complete the advanced standing track of this degree.

Coursework will address the Professional and Advanced Competencies in Music Therapy as established by the American Music Therapy Association. Primary career opportunities for graduates of this degree program include the advanced practice of music therapy in a variety of healthcare and educational settings, supervision in music therapy, and teaching music therapy at the undergraduate level. The degree also prepares graduates for future study in music therapy at the doctoral level. At the conclusion of this track students complete a thesis in music therapy.

In order to apply for this track the following conditions must be met:

- Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts in Music
- Your GPA is 3.0 or higher in undergraduate music classes.

| I. Major Area of Concentration: Music Therapy | | 28 hours |
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| Foundations & Principles of Music Therapy I | MUSI 7400* | 2 hours |
| Music Therapy Assessment | MUSI 7430 | 2 hours |
| Influence of Music on Behavior | MUSI 7420 | 3 hours |
| Skills for Music Therapists | MUSI 7440* | 2 hours |
| Technology for Music Therapists | MUSI 6015 | 2 hours |
| Percussion for Music Therapists | MUSI 6345 | 1 hour |
| Guitar Skills for Music Therapists | MUSI 6340 | 1 hour |
| Piano for Music Therapists | MUSI 6515 | 1 hour |

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| | Music Therapy Practicum | MUSI 6021 | 4 hours |
| | Music Therapy Internship | MUSI 6023 | 1 hour |
| | Trends and Issues in Music Therapy | MUSI 7360 | 2 hours |
| | Research in Music Therapy | MUSI 7365 | 3 hours |
| | Seminar in Professional Music Therapy Practice | MUSI 7370 | 3 hours |
| | Advanced Music Therapy Practicum | MUSI 7375 | 1 hour |
| II. | Other Studies in Music | | 12 hours |
| | Psychology of Music | MUSI 7410 | 3 hours |
| | Music for Exceptional Children | MUSI 7450* | 2 hours |
| | Guitar Techniques | MUSI 6330 | 1 hour |
| | Music Theory Elective | | 3 hours |
| | Music History/Ethnomusicology Elective | | 3 hours |
| III. | Related Studies | | 12 hours |
| | Basic Human Anatomy for Health Sciences | BMSC 6030 | 3 hours |
| | Foundations of Human Development for Ed | EPSY 6010 | 3 hours |
| | Advanced Psychopathology: Adults | PSYC 6240 | 3 hours |
| | Elective in Related Studies | | 3 hours |
| IV. | Research | | 6 hours |
| | Master's Research | MUSI 7000 | 3 hours |
| | Master's Thesis | MUSI 7300 | 3 hours |
| | Total Minimum Hours: | | 58 hours |

*Course change proposals will be submitted in Fall 2025 to align the credit hours of these courses with this proposal

3. Major Requirements:

- Minimum of 30 hours in the discipline
- Concentration in area of emphasis (minimum 8 hours)
- Capstone project appropriate to area of emphasis (minimum 2 hours)
- Studies in secondary music fields (minimum 9 hours)

4. Approvals

Department Head

Dean of School/College

Dean of Graduate School