

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 Area of 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 graduate project in music therapy that is a non-thesis, non-research-based project. This project is based in expanded implementation and development of clinical practice.

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		34 hours
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
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
Graduate Clinical Project	MUSI 7380	6 hours
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
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