Undergraduate Degree and Course Preparation For Graduate Music Therapy Studies

With an undergraduate degree or course work from another academic institution, see your requirements here.

1. Undergraduate Music Degree

- A BS or BA in music, 54 credits minimum
- Undergraduate course work must include the following Music therapy electives and competencies
  
  **1) Voice, Piano, Guitar Competencies**
  
  Piano Class (3 courses 1, 2, and 3 minimum) or applied lessons...
  
  Guitar Class (Beginning and intermediate) or applied lessons....
  
  Voice Class (beginning and intermediate) or applied lessons....

2. Music Therapy Electives

- Music Therapy Elective Courses*
  
  Introduction to Music Therapy course
  
  Psychology of Music course
  
  Songwriting for Music Therapy
  
  Music Therapy Ethics course
  
  Music Therapy Methods course
  
  Music Therapy Practicum or Clinical Experience course...
  
  (60 Hours on site supervised by a Board-Certified music therapist)

3. Competencies

- **Competencies in voice, piano, and guitar are evaluated when applying to the graduate program. These courses are only required for students who need to improve their skills to meet entrance competencies. For example, a pianist probably only needs to take guitar and voice competency classes.

4. Psychology Courses

- Psychology Courses
  
  Introductory Psychology course
  
  Statistics course (Psychology or Sociology Statistics)

New Paltz music major with music therapy electives

If you are a New Paltz undergrad, or if you are planning to enroll at New Paltz as an undergrad, see degree and course requirements here.

1) BS or BA in Music (507), 54 credits

Courses within this green box are electives included in the Music degree 54 credit total

2) Music Therapy Elective Courses*

MUS 240 Introduction to Music Therapy (3)

MUS 345 Psychology of Music (3)

MUS 342 Songwriting for Music Therapy (2)

MUS 341 Music Therapy Ethics & Professional Development (3)

MUS 340 Music Therapy Methods and Materials (3)

MUS 480 Music Therapy Practicum (2)

3) Voice, Piano, Guitar Competencies**

MUS202 Piano 1 (2)

MUS301 Piano 2 (2)

MUS302 Piano 3 Jazz & Popular Styles (2)

MUS 216 Guitar 1 (2)

MUS 205 Class Voice (2)

MUS 240 Introduction to Music Therapy (3)

MUS 345 Psychology of Music (3)

MUS 342 Songwriting for Music Therapy (2)

MUS 341 Music Therapy Ethics & Professional Development (3)

MUS 340 Music Therapy Methods and Materials (3)

MUS 480 Music Therapy Practicum (2)

4) Psychology Courses***

PSY272 Introductory Psychology (3)

PSY275 Psychological Statistics (4)

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