

MUSIC THERAPY (MUY) MAJOR

What you will study

Alverno's music therapy program is based on the belief that music is a form of human behavior that is characterized by experience in structure, self-organization, and relating to others. It has been developed on the conviction that the music therapist can use music as a tool to reach desirable non-musical behavioral objectives in varied health-care and educational settings.

In order to use music effectively as a music therapist, you need to develop a broad base of music skills. These include knowledge of music theory and history; study in a primary applied instrument; basic skills in improvisation; competency in using basic music technology; and functional proficiency on a variety of instruments.

Because health and development is an intersection of biological, psychological, and sociological domains, you also need to study the natural and behavioral sciences, including anatomy and physiology, psychology, and sociology. The Alverno curriculum is structured to facilitate the development of these skills and applications.

You begin in-depth study in your profession in the first semester, through classroom study and by being an observer-participant in on-campus music therapy clinical settings.

You are required to complete 1,200 hours of clinical work prior to graduation with at least 15% (180 hours) in pre-internship experiences and at least 75% (900 hours) in internship experiences. While many students choose to fulfill this requirement during a six-month internship after on-campus courses have been completed, you have the opportunity to design an internship compatible with your personal needs and lifestyle. Alverno facilitates your internship and monitors your progress. Graduation follows successful completion of the internship. After receiving your degree, you are eligible to take the board certification examination. Successful completion of the examination allows you to use the credential of Music Therapist—Board Certified (MT-BC).

Alverno offers both a bachelor's degree program and an equivalency program in music therapy, the latter for students who already possess a degree in another field.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Ensembles	Vocalists take 7 terms of MU-130. Instrumentalists take 2 terms of MU-130 and 5 other ensembles	7
Labs	Take 7 MUA labs with your performance area	7
MUA 175	Take 2 External Assessments for MUA Lessons	0
MU-125	Music & Wellness Workshops	1
MU-157 & 157L	Theory I and Theory I Lab	4
MU-158 & 158L	Theory II and Theory II Lab	4
MU-210	Improvisational Music	2
MU-217 or MU-218	Jazz History Hip Hop Music in American Culture	2

MU-257 & 257L	Theory III and Theory III Lab	4
MU-258	Theory IV	3
MU-270	History of Western Music	4
MU-276	Music Technology	2
MU-310	Rock & Roll History	2
MU-372	Contemporary Music	2
MU-399	Formal Introduction to Advanced Work	0
MU-493	Form & Analysis	2
MU-494	Songwriting & Arranging	1
MU-495	Applied Music Culmination Project	0
MUE-105	Group Piano 1	1
MUE-106	Group Piano 2	1
MUE-107	Group Piano 3	1
MUE-111	Improvisational Keyboard	1
MUE-119	Beginning Guitar Class	1
MUE-209	Vocal Techniques 1	1
MUE-211	Percussion Techniques	2
MUE-219	Intermediate Guitar Class	1
MUY-129	Music Preprofessional Seminar	1
MUY-160	Orientation in Music Therapy	2
MUY-171 & 171L	Clinical & Lab Experience 1/Geriatrics and Lab Exp 1: Geriatrics	2
Lessons	Take 2 MUA lessons for your performance area	2
Labs	Take 2 MUA labs with your performance area	2
MUA 275	Take 2 External Assessments for MUA Lessons	0
MUA 375	Take 3 External Assessments for MUA Lessons	
MUY-272 & 272L	Clinical & Lab Experience 2: Developmental Disabilities and Clinical & Lab Experience 2 Lab	2
MUY-273 & 273L	Clinical & Lab Experience 2: Developmental Disabilities and Lab 2: Developmental Disabilities	2
MUY-297 or RL-210	Control of Life & Death	1
MUY-361 & 361L	Psychology of Music 1 and Psychology of Music Lab	3
MUY-362 & 362L	Psychology of Music 2/Research and Psychology of Music 2 Lab	3
MUY-363	Creative Music Making	2
MUY-461	Theoretical Foundations of Music Therapy	3
MUY-462	Design & Appl in Music Therapy	4
MUY-472 & 472L	Clin Exp: Psycho-Emotional Disabilities and Clin Exp: Psycho-Emotional Disabilit Lab	2
MUY-473 & 473L	Clin Exp5: Psycho-Emotional Disabilities and Lab Exp 5: Psycho Emotional Disabilities	2
MUY-480A & MUY-480B & MUY-480C	Music Therapy Clinical Internship and Music Therapy Clinical Internship and Music Therapy Clinical Internship	3
PSY-110	Life Span Development	4
PSY-250	Abnormal Psychology	4

Total Credits 100