

University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences

2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Music Therapy Majors (MTPY) Equivalency Certificate
Equivalency Certificate in Music Therapy

Core Equivalency Courses for Music Therapy Majors

First Year - Semester I (9 credit hours)

- **MTPY 101** Introduction to Music Therapy (3)
- **MTPY 230** MT Clinical Processes & Pre-Practicum 1 (3)
- **MTPY 310** Psychology of Music (3)

First Year - Semester II (7 credit hours)

- **MTPY 110** Guitar for Music Therapy (2) (if needed after competency evaluation)
- **MTPY 120** MT Methods: Recreative & Improvisation (3)
- **MTPY 320** Evidence-Based Practice & Research in MT (3)
- **MTPY 240** Music Therapy Pre-Practicum 2 (1)

First Summer (2 Credit Hours)

- **MTPY 330** MT Clinical Practicum 1 (1)
- **MTPY 340** MT Clinical Practicum 2 (1)

Second Year - Semester I (5 Credit Hours)

- **MTPY 210** Clinical Musicianship (1)
- **MTPY 410** Becoming a MT: Clinical Skills (3)
- **MUS 250** Vocal Techniques (1)
- **MTPY 430** MT Clinical Practicum 3 (1)

Second Year - Semester II (7 Credit Hours)

- **MTPY 220** MT Methods: Receptive & Composition (3)
- **MTPY 440** MT Clinical Practicum 4 (1)
- **MTPY 420** Becoming a MT: Professional Skills (3)

Second Summer (1 Credit Hour)

- **MTPY 450** Music Therapy Internship (Capstone) (1)

Required total Equivalency Hours; 31-40

*Elective/Supportive requirements to be selected from:

- **EDUC 203** Developing Human Potential (3) **OR**
- **SOC 103** Social Problems (3)
- **PSY 345** Abnormal Psychology (3)
- **BIO 104** Principles of Human Physiology (4)
- **MUS 174** African Drum Ensemble (.5)
- **MUS 135** Introduction to Compositional Techniques (2)
- **MUS 124** Survey of Music Technology Resources (2)

**In order to be accepted into the Equivalency Certification in Music Therapy program, students must have a music degree from a NASM accredited university, and complete an entrance audition into the Department of Music. Prior to the completion of the equivalency program students must meet acceptable competency levels on piano, guitar, percussion and voice. Students must also have taken PSY 120 – Intro to Psychology prior to beginning the equivalency program.

Please note the following:

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- An Audition/Interview is required before admission into the music therapy equivalency certificate program.
- PSY 120: Intro to Psychology must be taken prior to beginning.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Music Major.
- The Music Therapy certificate requires a minimum of 30% music therapy and clinical foundations coursework on top of the previously earned 20-25% general education core coursework and 45-50% music core coursework from music degree already held.
- The Equivalency Certificate in Music Therapy requires a minimum of 31 hours.

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Music Therapy Major and its requirements, contact the Music Department Chair, 317-788-3255, Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, Room 103B) or your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.