

# PH.D. IN MUSIC THERAPY

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The Ph.D. in Music Therapy emphasizes research and scholarship, as appropriate for the music therapist who aspires to a career in research, college-level teaching, or advanced clinical practice. In this program, you will engage in coursework that will advance your scholarship and help you to reach your professional goals. You will be involved in groundbreaking research, with the opportunity to develop original research in an interest area.

This program is offered on campus (<https://music.colostate.edu/music-therapy/music-therapy-phd/>) and as a distance learning (<https://www.online.colostate.edu/degrees/music-therapy-phd/>) program.

- The program culminates with a final exam and the completion of a substantial piece of original research.

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[Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.](#)

## Music Program Fee

A music program fee is assessed with Undergraduate and graduate music and musical theatre majors and music minors, per semester. Does not apply to the following students: online degree students and summers-only master's degree students. Please visit the **Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President** for special course fees.

## The degree is focused on three core areas:

- **Research Core:** You will engage in coursework and collaborative research projects focused on advancing research skills. You will also have the opportunity to pursue your own original research.
- **Music Therapy Clinical Practice Core:** You will further your understanding of advanced clinical competencies, with an emphasis in evidence-based practices.
- **Academic Core:** To prepare for a future as an educator or supervisor in music therapy, you will engage in coursework focused on teaching and learning in higher education.

## Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Identify theoretical constructs from music therapy and related fields that underlie various clinical practices.
2. Articulate and defend a personal philosophy, approach, and/or theory to music therapy, through a deeper understanding of music therapy.
3. Conduct research according to ethical principles in a variety of methodologies to sufficiently address meaningful research questions in music therapy.
4. Use various teaching methods to explain the breadth and depth of knowledge of clinical practice in music therapy.

## Credit Requirements

The Ph.D. in Music Therapy is comprised of 72 credits, of which 30 credits may be accepted from a prior master's degree. Program credits include:

- 12-15 credits in each core area (research, clinical practice, academic) that are selected to prepare the student for future work in an academic, research, or advanced clinical position.
- 15 directed electives, which are selected with the graduate committee to best meet the student's needs and career goals. Subjects of study may include, but are not limited to, neuroscience, music therapy methods, research methods, statistics, teaching methods, and developmental science.