

# Music Therapy

Caine College of the Arts  
Utah State University

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR PROSPECTIVE MUSIC THERAPY STUDENTS WISHING TO ENROLL FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

### 1. Admission to Utah State University

Please note that you must apply for admission to Utah State University in addition to completing the Music Therapy Program application materials. These are separate application processes. Admission to the Music Therapy Program is dependent on BOTH Admission to USU and successful completion of the Music Therapy application process. Visit the website of the Office of Admissions: [usu.edu/admissions](http://usu.edu/admissions) to obtain USU application materials or you may telephone the Office of Admissions at (435) 797-1079 to have them send you application materials. You may apply online at: <http://www.usu.edu/admissions/applyonline/>

### 2. Music Therapy Major Application Materials

Complete the application form and a DVD and mail, fax, or e-mail it to Maureen Hearn by January 12th:

Maureen Hearn, MA, MT-BC  
Assistant Professor; Director, Music Therapy Program  
Utah State University  
4015 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT 84322-4015  
Fax: (435) 797-1862  
Email: [maureen.hearn@usu.edu](mailto:maureen.hearn@usu.edu)

After your submitted DVD and application materials (application, transcripts, and ACT scores) have been reviewed, a member of the review team will notify you via e-mail whether or not you will be invited to complete an on-site audition. Students admitted to the music therapy program will be selected from the on-site auditions and notified of their admittance by mail following the audition.

### 3. Music Therapy Major Audition Requirements

Music therapy auditions occur in a 2-step process; a pre-selection audition and an on-site audition. The Pre-selection Audition is by DVD and must be received by **January 12, 2016**.

Pre-selection audition materials include the following:

1. Completed application, transcripts, and ACT scores
2. Applicant singing one song and accompanying themselves on guitar OR piano.
3. A 1-2 minute response to the question "Why I want to be a music therapist."

If selected for this on-site audition, applicants are required to provide the following materials. The on-site audition will take place on **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

On-site audition materials include the following:

*(It is recommended that the first two items be sent prior to the on-site audition.)*

1. Three letters of reference (as detailed below)
2. A 700-word essay (as detailed below)
3. One recital-ready (classical) piece on a principal instrument. The piece should be between 3-7 minutes in length. (Accompanist is not provided)
4. Two sung songs with self-prepared accompaniments:
  - One popular/contemporary song accompanied on piano
  - AND
  - One folk ballad or children's song accompanied on guitar.

#### **4. Factors to be considered during the application process**

Important factors that are considered during the application process include motivation for becoming a music therapist, previous academic accomplishments (GPA and ACT scores) and musicianship (vocal and instrumental).

If you plan to attend Utah State University in the fall and, if you are not accepted in the Music Therapy Program, you may still enroll in required General Education courses (see Fall Semester Class Schedule) and you may also enroll in Music 1310 - Introduction to Music Therapy, however you will need to obtain the instructor's permission to do so.

#### **5. Transfer Students**

Requirements for acceptance into the Music Therapy Program are more stringent for juniors than for freshman/sophomores. The applicant must have a minimum college GPA of 2.75. The applicant must be able to perform popular music at a higher level on the piano and guitar in addition to performing one classical work on the applicant's principal instrument.

#### **6. Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources**

We are pleased to offer the Marilyn Hovey Wright Music Therapy Scholarship. If you have a desire to apply for this scholarship, please email Prof. Maureen Hearn at [Maureen.hearns@usu.edu](mailto:Maureen.hearns@usu.edu). Applications are due by August 20<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship is awarded annually at the beginning of fall semester.

Various other music department scholarships are available. Please contact each program director for information regarding these opportunities. Freshman and transfer students may apply for University scholarships through the Admissions Office at the Taggart Student Center, Room 102, (435) 797-1129. The deadline to apply is the 1st of February preceding the fall semester for which the student is applying. Grants and Student Loans are also available through the Financial Aid office. Please visit <http://www.usu.edu/finaid> or call 435- 797-0173 for more information.

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**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI MM/DD/YYYY*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Mark One:  Male  Female  
*MM/DD/YYYY*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Current) Street City ST Zip*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Permanent) Street City ST Zip*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester and Year you wish to start the program: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Fall/Spring) Year*

What classification you will be upon entering program:

Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate

**Educational Background**

Beginning with high school, list all schools you have attended:

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
*MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY*

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated:  Yes  No  
*(If applicable)*

If yes, complete the following:

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Year*

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
*MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY*

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated:  Yes  No  
*(If applicable)*

If Yes, complete the following:

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*Month/Year*

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*MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY*

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
*(If applicable)*

If Yes, complete the following:

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Year*

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Request academic transcripts to be sent from all schools listed and ACT Scores to:  
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### Musical Background

#### Piano

Level of Ability \_\_\_\_\_ Years of private instruction: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced*

Check all appropriate spaces below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I can play hymns with some practice
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can sight-read hymns
- \_\_\_\_\_ I play simplified hymns/songs
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can play most popular sheet music with some practice
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can sight-read most popular sheet music
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have performed Sonatas
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can read a lead sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ I play by ear only/do not read music

**Voice**

Level of Ability \_\_\_\_\_ Years of private instruction: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced*

Ensemble work: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Guitar**

Level of Ability \_\_\_\_\_ Years of private instruction: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced*

Check all appropriate spaces below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I can play some open-position chords
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can play most open-position chords
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can use simple strumming techniques
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can use simple finger-picking techniques
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can play major and minor bar chord forms
- \_\_\_\_\_ I can read and play melodies in standard notation and tablature

**Band/Orchestra Instruments**

List all the instruments you play:

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Level of Ability</i>	<i>Years of Private Instruction</i>

*Ensemble Work/Honors*

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Level of Ability</i>	<i>Years of Private Instruction</i>

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*Ensemble Work/Honors*

Do you have experience with music composition?  
If yes, explain:

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

<b>Other Information</b>
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List any professional or service organizations you have participated in and any leadership roles you have held within them:

List any honors or awards you have received that you feel are applicable to this application:

**If selected for an on-site audition, please complete the following and submit prior to your audition:**

<b>Essay</b>
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Submit an essay, minimum 700 words, that addresses the following points:

1. Your current understanding of music therapy.
2. Your motivation to study music therapy.
3. Describe your past experiences that you have had with a specific population (older adults, special needs children, mental illness, etc.) and how it was for you.
4. Your personal qualities and skills that would enable you to become an effective music therapist.

<b>References</b>
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Include 3 letters of reference, one from each individual listed below. (These letters may be sent all together or separately.)

**Academic Reference**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Musical Reference**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Character Reference**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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