

# Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children Music Therapy Internship Fact Sheet

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**AMTA National Roster Internship Site**

# General Information

## Mission Statement

Interns will build a firm foundation of the core competencies of music therapy through clinical applications, professional development, and musical growth in a medical setting.

## Populations Served

The music therapy program at Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children serves patients throughout the health system including, but not limited to:

Inpatient Adult Hospice Care  
Inpatient Adult Palliative Medicine  
Inpatient Adult Behavioral Health  
Inpatient Geriatric Behavioral Health  
Inpatient Pediatric Unit  
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  
Outpatient Pediatric Therapy and Audiology  
Outpatient Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

# Entry Level Requirements/Competencies

## **Functional Music Skills (Guitar, Piano, and Voice):**

Functional proficiency on both guitar and piano is defined as the ability to use several accompaniment patterns, different chords/chord structures, as well as the ability to accompany oneself while singing different styles of music. Functional proficiency with the voice is defined as good tone, control, breath support, and knowledge of your range.

## **Clinical Skills:**

- Principles of Therapy
- Therapeutic Relationship
- Child Development Theories
- Assessment Skills
- Treatment Planning
- Therapy Implementation
- Therapy Evaluation Skills
- Documentation Skills

## **Professional Characteristics:**

- Time Management
- Interpersonal Skills
- Therapeutic Boundaries
- Writing Skills
- Ethics
- Adaptability
- Self-Awareness and Expression
- Technology Skills – Computer and iPad

# Audition and Interview Materials

Auditions and interviews will be held via Zoom and/or in person, as availability allows

## **Interview Information**

Be prepared to discuss:

Music Background  
Practicum Experiences  
Internship Training Objectives  
Professional Qualities

# Audition and Interview Materials

## Audition Requirements:

- Choose a song from each of the following categories to demonstrate functional proficiency\* with voice, guitar, and piano (you must accompany yourself on guitar and piano for at least one song each):

1960s

1970s

Children's Song

Country

Gospel/Hymn

Pop

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- You will be asked to demonstrate transposition skills between 2 keys during the audition.
- On your primary instrument, please prepare a piece from any time period. If your primary instrument is your voice, please prepare one additional piece that highlights your vocal abilities appropriately.

\*You may be asked to demonstrate other musical and clinical skills during your audition.

# Internship Experience

Interns will adhere to a 40 hour per week schedule, **Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm (hours are +40 to accommodate lunch)**. This internship program encompasses working with infants, children, adolescents, adults, and geriatric patients. Music therapy services are provided in several areas of the hospital and services are provided for acute and chronic illnesses in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

The internship experience includes, but is not limited to the following populations:

Inpatient Adult Hospice Care  
Inpatient Adult Palliative Medicine  
Inpatient Adult Behavioral Health  
Inpatient Geriatric Behavioral Health  
Inpatient Pediatric Unit  
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit\*  
Outpatient Pediatric Therapy and Audiology  
Outpatient Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

\*Please note that this does not meet qualifications for NICU MT certification at this time

# Internship Experience

The internship will also include:

- Weekly journal reviews
- Observation of multiple board-certified music therapists
- Provision of music therapy interventions in individual and group sessions
- Co-treatment with other professionals
- Weekly supervision meeting with supervisor and/or internship director
- Completion of self-evaluations throughout the internship
- Completion of assignments, including but not limited to a lecture series, journal reviews, repertoire building, and a final project of choice (approved by supervisor and internship director)

# Professional Staff Interaction

Huntsville Hospital is a teaching hospital that offers experiences with students and professionals of other disciplines including, but not limited to child life students, nursing students, and medical interns. The Music Therapy Program is included within the Child Life Department at this hospital.

Students will have opportunities to interact and collaborate with the following:

Multiple Board-Certified Music Therapists  
Artists in Residence  
Chaplains

Child Life Specialists and Assistants  
Facility Dogs and their Handlers

Medical Doctors

Nurses and Techs

Nurse Practitioners

Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists  
Social Workers

# On-Site Educational Programs

Interns will have the opportunity to complete a variety of educational programs, including but not limited to:

- Completion of MOAB (Management of Aggressive Behaviors) Basic Training (certification lasts 2 years)
- Completion of online modules focusing on child development theories, bereavement, professional boundaries, introductions to NMT and NICU MT, and more
- Attendance of physician lectures as offered
- Completion of a long-term project of intern's choosing

*\*AMTA conference expenses are not covered for music therapy interns.*

# Expenses

No stipend will be offered at this time.

Housing is not provided; however, every effort will be made to assist the intern in finding affordable housing in areas that are safe and close to public transportation if needed.

The city of Huntsville does have a limited public transportation system. Intern will park in assigned lot, which is free of cost.

Interns have the option of wearing Caribbean Blue colored scrubs or professional attire per Huntsville Hospital's dress code policy

# Application Requirements

## Application Checklist:

Completed application form

Official transcript(s)

Current resume

3 signed letters of recommendation as listed on application  
emailed directly from reference

Responses to each of the 3 writing prompts as listed on  
application

Student attestation with signature (found on application)

# Acceptance Requirements

**Upon acceptance, the intern will also need to complete the following and provide subsequent documentation:**

- Health/drug screen
- Criminal background check
- Proof of liability insurance through the academic program (additional liability insurance may be required and will be assessed if an offer is made and accepted by the intern, as per affiliation agreements)
- CPR certification
- Negative TB test within the past 3 months (if history of positive, a chest x-ray within the past year)
- Varicella (chicken pox) titer drawn
- MMR vaccination
- Completed series of 3 Hepatitis-B vaccines or informed refusal
- Tetanus/diphtheria booster is recommended if ten years have elapsed since last booster
- COVID-19 vaccination (either 2 Pfizer/Moderna vaccines or 1 Johnson & Johnson vaccine)
- Non-employee badge request form (\$20 for badge)

*Please note, these are not provided on site and must be completed prior to start date. Any associated costs will be paid by the intern.*

# Questions?

Feel free to reach out! Please allow 48 hours for responses before reaching back out regarding the same issue.

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We look forward to your application and being part of this next step in your educational journey!

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