

The University of Iowa

**EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM IN MUSIC THERAPY:
Curricular Requirements
(Updated June, 2021)**

The equivalency program consists of a set of courses that a student with a baccalaureate degree other than music therapy (e.g., music performance, music education, etc.) are required to take beyond their undergraduate course work in order to qualify for professional certification as a music therapist. This checklist provides a general guide for required courses. If a student's transcript verifies successful completion of an equivalent course at an accredited college or university (e.g., abnormal psychology, human anatomy, etc.), that course can fulfill the requirement for completion of the equivalency program. Dr. Dvorak will develop a curricular plan of courses for each individual equivalency student based upon examination of the transcripts.

Note: A grade of C+ or higher is required in MUS:1687 Orientation to Music Therapy in order to continue in the program. Students must earn a B- or higher in all other MT classes in order for the classes to count. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.

***Students with a prior degree other than music will require additional course credits in music to be determined by the area director.** Transfer credit for equivalent courses may be accepted.

A description of the course content for these classes can be found in the University of Iowa Catalog. Check the University of Iowa website www.uiowa.edu or course catalog <https://catalog.registrar.uiowa.edu> for additional information.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS Course that will satisfy this requirement

Humanities (select one of the following for 3 s.h.) _____

ARTH:1010 Art and Visual Culture

ARTS:1010 Elements of Art

ARTH:1510 Basic Drawing

THTR:1000 Art of the Theatre

THTR:1140 Basic Acting

THTR:1141 Basic Acting II

THTR:3180 Drama in the Classroom

DPA:3510 Introduction to Arts Management

NOTE: Other courses in Art or Theatre can be chosen with advisor approval

Natural Science

HHP:1100 Human Anatomy for 3 s.h. _____

Movement/Dance

(select one of the following for 3 s.h.) _____

MUS:3850 Introduction to Laban Movement Studies

DANC:3851 Introduction to the Alexander Technique

NOTE: Other dance/movement courses as approved by advisor

Behavioral/Social Sciences

PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology _____

PSY:2930 Abnormal Psychology: Health Professions

OR PSY:3320 Abnormal Psychology (3 s.h.) _____

Select one of the following for 3 s.h. _____

PSY:2401 Introduction to Developmental Psychology

PSQF:4106 Child Development

Note: Or any course in child psychology or development.

Select one of the following for 3-4 s.h. _____

PSY:2701 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience

PSY:2301 Introduction to Clinical Psychology

PSY:2501 Introduction to Social Psychology

PSY:2601 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

ANTH:1101 Cultural Anthropology

ANTH:1401 Language, Culture, and Communication

CCCC:2220 Found of Critical Competence

DST:1101 Intro to Disability Studies

Note: Other courses in psychology of sociology accepted with advisor approval.

II. MUSIC REQUIREMENTS Course that will satisfy this requirement

MUS:3665 Arranging for Band

OR MUS:1007 Garage Band (2 s.h.) _____

MUS:1211, 1212, 2213 Group Instruction Piano I-III (3 s.h.)** _____

MUS:1120 Secondary Performance, Voice (1 s.h.) _____

(voice majors are exempt)

III. MUSIC THERAPY CORE REQUIREMENTS

MUS:1687 Orientation to Music Therapy *Fall only* (2 s.h.) _____

Choose 4 s.h. from the following three courses:

MUS:2671 Music Foundations in Therapy I (2 s.h.) *Fall only*

MUS:2672 Music Foundations in Therapy II (1-2 s.h.) *Spring only*

MUS:3676 Percussion Exp for Teach/Therapists 1

+MUS:3680 Music in Special Education (3 s.h.) _____

EDTL:5630 Psychology of Music (2 s.h.) _____

EDTL:5640 Introduction to Music Research (2 s.h.) _____

+MUS:4685 Music Therapy with Children (3 s.h.) _____

+MUS:3690 Music Therapy with Adults (3 s.h.) _____

MUS:3675 Practicum I (1 s.h.) (sec. 2) _____

MUS:3675 Practicum II (2 s.h.) (sec. 1) _____

MUS:3675 Practicum III (2 s.h.) _____

MUS:4670 Internship in Music Therapy (2 s.h.)*** _____

** Students can test out of this requirement by successful completion of a competency exam. Improvisation skills are required.

*** A six-month period of clinical training off-campus in an approved facility following completion of on-campus courses.

+ These three courses rotate over a 3-semester time period.

NOTE: Most of the courses not in the music therapy core can be fulfilled at another college or university (including distance or on-line learning, or community college enrollment) as long as the course content is equivalent (as demonstrated through the course catalogue or syllabus) and appears on a college transcript. This will be determined through analysis by your advisor or your transcripts and other documentation.

***Additional Requirements for Students with Previous Degrees *Not* in Music**

Students with a prior degree other than music will require 50 semester hours of basic music courses (not including core courses in music therapy). The specific course of music instruction may be determined by Dr. Dvorak. The list below indicates those types of music courses that must be completed.

- 2 years (4 semesters) of music theory
- 1 year (2 semesters) of music history
- 3 years (6 semesters) of music ensemble
- 3 years (6 semesters) of college-level private lessons

Other specific courses may be needed (adding up to 50 s.h. of basic music).

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