Slippery Rock University’s Master of Music Therapy program is designed to prepare advanced-level professional music therapists in a nationally accredited program to work in the rapidly-expanding field of music therapy by providing students with the opportunity to expand the breadth and depth of their knowledge and skills in music therapy.

The Master of Music Therapy program will prepare graduates to have:

1. Advanced knowledge of, and skills in, music therapy theory, research, and clinical practice;
2. Advanced musical and artistic skills for music therapy;
3. Awareness of personal, cultural, and social factors that impact the therapeutic relationship;
4. An in-depth understanding of the professional role of the music therapist.

The Music Therapy program offers three tracks, enabling you to choose the track that best aligns with your career goals:

**General Track (36 Credits)**

- 21 credits in Core Music Therapy Courses, 15 credits in electives. Thesis/final project and a comprehensive exam is required in addition to the completion of the coursework.

**Core Music Therapy Courses**

- MUSI 604: Reading Music Therapy Research (3)
- MUSI 606: Music Therapy Assessment and Evaluation Techniques (3)
- MUSI 607: Cultural and Social Foundations of Music Therapy (3)
- MUSI 608: Music Therapy Supervision (3)
- MUSI 610: Music Therapy Ethics and Professional Issues (3)
- MUSI 611: Social Justice Approaches in Music Therapy (3)
- MUSI 705: Advanced Music Therapy Practicum (3)

**Music Therapy Electives**

- MUSI 605: Designing Music Therapy Research (3)
- MUSI 612: Medical Music Therapy (3)
- MUSI 613: Music Psychotherapy (3)
- MUSI 614: Systems Thinking in Music Therapy (3)
- MUSI 700: Independent Study (3)
- MUSI 750: Advanced Music Therapy Internship (3)
- MUSI 598/698: Selected Topics (variable)

**Counseling Track (48 Credits)**

- 21 credits in Core Music Therapy Courses. 12 credits in Counseling (Helping Relationships in Music Therapy, Career and Lifestyle Development for Music Therapy, Human Growth and Development in Music Therapy, Group Work for Music Therapists). 3 credits in Advanced Music Therapy Internship. 12 credits in electives. Thesis/final project and a comprehensive exam is required in addition to the completion of the coursework.

**Equivalency Track (69 Credits)**

Prior to the general track, students must complete the undergraduate music therapy courses or the equivalent.

*SRU’s Master of Music Therapy is approved by the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) and National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).*

**Program Highlights**

Slippery Rock University’s Master of Music Therapy offers:

- A 36 or 48 credit hour program with a two-year rotating curriculum
- A flexible and convenient hybrid format (interactive online classes and face-to-face intensives) ideal for working professionals and second career musicians
- Unique advanced music therapy training with a strong emphasis on culture, diversity, ethics, and social justice throughout the curriculum
- Courses taught by distinguished internationally recognized faculty

**Admission Requirements**

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed application form and non-refundable application fee:

1. Applicants to the Master of Music Therapy program must have completed a bachelor’s degree in music therapy (with a GPA of 3.00 or higher), including an internship in an approved program, or have completed a music therapy equivalency program, including completing a music therapy internship. Applicants to the equivalency Master of Music Therapy program must have completed a bachelor’s degree in music. (Students with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission).
2. Official transcripts from an accredited undergraduate institution
3. Resume
4. Statement of Professional Goals
5. A video-recording of three songs accompanied on piano and three songs accompanied on guitar. On each instrument, there must be one song appropriate for children, one for adolescents or adults, and one for older adults. Video-recording may be submitted by sending a DVD to the Graduate Admissions Office or by Dropbox.com and emailed to graduate.admissions@sru.edu.
6. A synchronous video interview with the MMT program director. Interviews will be scheduled after all other application materials have been filed.

Applicants who do not meet all of the criteria, but who have demonstrated effectiveness in the field, may be offered conditional admission upon recommendation of the MMT program director and approval by the Director of Graduate Admissions. Admission to the program will not require the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or other entrance exam, which will facilitate enrollment by adult learners.

*The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and it is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.*