

*University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences*  
**2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Music Therapy Majors (MTPY)**  
 Bachelor of Music

**Core Courses for Music Therapy Majors**

**Freshman Year**

- **MTPY 101** Introduction to Music Therapy (3)
- **PSY 120** Intro to Psychology (3)
- **MTPY 110** Guitar for Music Therapy (2)
- **MTPY 120** MT Methods: Recreative & Improvisation (3)

**Sophomore Year**

- **MTPY 220** MT Methods: Receptive & Composition (3)
- **MTPY 230** MT Clinical Processes & Pre-Practicum 1 (3)
- **MTPY 210** Clinical Musicianship (1)
- **MTPY 240** Music Therapy Pre-Practicum 2 (1)

**Junior Year**

- **MUS 250** Vocal Techniques (1)
- **MTPY 310** Psychology of Music (3)
- **MTPY 320** Evidence-Based Practice & Research in MT (3)
- **MTPY 330** MT Clinical Practicum 1 (1)\*\*
- **MTPY 340** MT Clinical Practicum 2 (1)\*\*

**Senior Year**

- **MTPY 410** Becoming a MT: Clinical Skills (3)
- **MTPY 430** MT Clinical Practicum 3 (1)\*\*
- **MTPY 440** MT Clinical Practicum 4 (1)\*\*
- **MTPY 420** Becoming a MT: Professional Skills (3)\*\*

**Other Requirements (taken at any point in degree)**

- **MUS 174** African Drum Ensemble (.5)
- **MUS 144** Applied Percussion Secondary (Performance-Oriented only)
- **PSY 345** Abnormal Psychology (3)
- **MUS 135** Introduction to Compositional Techniques (2)
- **MUS 124** Survey of Music Technology Resources (2)
- **MUS 149** Applied Jazz (1) **or**
- **MUS 207** Jazz Keyboard (1) **or**
- **MUS 208** Jazz Improvisation I (3) (Instrumental elective) See jazz requirement below \*\*

**General Education Core Courses (taken at any point in degree)**

- **BIO 104** Principles of Human Physiology (4) (General Core - Natural Sciences)
- **EDUC 203** Developing Human Potential (3) (General Core - Social Science) **OR**
- **SOC 103** Social Problems (3) (General Core - Social Science)

**Following the completion of coursework, prior to graduation**

- **MTPY 450** Music Therapy Internship (Capstone) (1)

\*\*Courses indicated with double asterisks are able to be taken early in the event that the student elects to complete academic courses in 3.5 years to be eligible to start internship in Semester II of their fourth year (or typically the 8th semester) instead of waiting until the summer after their fourth year. This decision to advance the coursework will be made in consultation with the Director of Music Therapy based on variables such as student credit hour

load capacity, transfer/summer courses, progression with music therapy competencies, and good academic standing in all music therapy courses.

## Major Courses Required:

### Freshman Year

#### Semester I

- MUS 132 Aural Skills I (2) \*
- MUS 133 Music Theory I (2) \*
- MUS 105 Foundations for the Collegiate Musician (1)
- MUS 106 Freshman Experience in Music (1)
- MUS 140-145 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
(*Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: voice*)
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
(*Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy*)
- MUS 118 Keyboard Skills I (1) **or**
- MUS 140 Private Applied Piano (1)
- MTPY 101 Introduction to Music Therapy (3)
- MUS Ensembles (1)

#### Semester II

- MUS 221 Aural Skills II (2)
- MUS 222 Music Theory II (2)
- MUS 140-145 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
(*Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: voice*)
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
(*Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy*)
- MUS 119 Keyboard Skills II (1) **or**
- MUS 140/145 Private Applied Piano (1)
- MTPY 110 Guitar for Music Therapy (2)
- MTPY 120 MT Methods: Recreative & Improvisation
- PSY 120 Intro to Psychology (3) (or Semester I)
- MUS Ensembles (1)

### Sophomore Year

#### Semester I

- MUS 234 Aural Skills III (2)
- MUS 235 Music Theory III (2)
- MUS 140-145 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
(*Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: percussion*)
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
(*Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy*)
- MUS 122 Keyboard Skills III (1) **or**
- MUS 140 Private Applied Piano (or minor area for piano majors) (1)
- MUS Ensembles (1)
- MTPY 230 MT Clinical Processes & Pre-Practicum 1 (3)
- MTPY 210 Clinical Musicianship (1)

#### Semester II

- MUS 307 Jazz History (2) (or Junior Year)
- MUS 140-145 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
(*Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: percussion*)
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)

- MUS 150-UD *(Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy)*  
Upper Divisional (0)
- MUS Ensembles (1)
- MTPY 220 MT Methods: Receptive & Composition (3)
- MTPY 240 Music Therapy Pre-Practicum 2 (1)

**Junior Year****Semester I**

- MUS 102 History of Rock (3) (any semester)
- MUS 340-345 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
*(Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: guitar)*
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
*(Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy)*
- MUS Ensembles (1)
- MUS 250 Voice Techniques (1)
- MTPY 310 Psychology of Music (3)
- MTPY 330 MT Clinical Practicum 1 (1)\*\*

**Semester II**

- MUS 338 Foundations in Ethnomusicology (3)
- MUS 340-345 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
*(Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: guitar)*
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
*(Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy)*
- MUS Ensembles (1)
- MTPY 320 Evidence-Based Practice & Research in MT (3)
- MTPY 340 MT Clinical Practicum 2 (1)\*\*

**Senior Year****Semester I**

- MUS 340-345 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
*(Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: piano)*
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
*(Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy)*
- MUS Ensembles (1)
- MTPY 430 MT Clinical Practicum 3 (1)\*\*
- MTPY 410 Becoming a MT: Clinical Skills (3)

**Semester II**

- MUS 340-34 Major Applied Area (1) **and**  
*(Performance-Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: piano)*
- MUS 150 Performance Disciplines (1)  
*(Performance Oriented: primary instrument, Clinical-Oriented: music therapy)*
- MUS Ensembles (1)
- MTPY 440 MT Clinical Practicum 4 (1)\*\*
- MTPY 420 Becoming a MT: Professional Skills (3)\*\*

**Capstone Project:** Must begin within 2 years of coursework completion, semester determined by internship placement

- MTPY 450 Music Therapy Internship (Capstone) (1)  
(900-1020 hour internship completed following academic coursework)

**Other Requirements (taken at any point in degree)**

- MUS 174 African Drum Ensemble (.5)
- MUS 144 Applied Percussion Secondary (Performance-Oriented only)
- PSY 345 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- MUS 135 Introduction to Compositional Techniques (2)
- MUS 124 Survey of Music Technology Resources (2)
- MUS 149 Applied Jazz (1) **or**
- MUS 207 Jazz Keyboard (1) **or**
- MUS 208 Jazz Improvisation I (3) (Instrumental elective) See jazz requirement below \*\*

**General Education Core Courses (taken at any point in degree)**

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**ELECTIVE options**

- MUS 126 Ukulele Class I (2)
- MUS 148 Applied Musicianship (1)
- HSCI 120 Healthcare Terminology (2)
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**Please note the following:****ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS**

- An Audition is required before admission into all Music Degree programs
- \*Passing the Theory Proficiency Exam or Music Fundamentals with a B- minimum is prerequisite to MUS 132 and 133.
- A Piano Proficiency Exam is required (See Music Handbook).

**LESSONS**

All music majors will be required to enroll in a minimum of one hour of applied lessons in the major instrument and one hour of Performance Disciplines during each semester of enrollment. A minimum of six semesters of applied lessons and six semesters of Performance Disciplines are required for the Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy, with a minimum of three hours at the 300 level. A minimum of two hours of secondary piano study is required of all percussion, string, wind, or voice majors. Organ or voice is recommended as a secondary instrument for piano majors.

**ENSEMBLES**

As part of the 4.5 ensemble hours for the major, participation in a major ensemble is required during all semesters of enrollment. A minimum of 2 semesters of chamber ensemble is required of all majors. Music majors whose applied area is guitar or piano must participate in a major ensemble for at least two years; for the remaining four semesters they may be in either chamber or major ensembles. Student ensemble requirements for music scholarship students are specified in the scholarship contract.

**JAZZ REQUIREMENT FOR INSTRUMENTAL MAJORS**

\*\* All instrumental majors not pursuing the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies must enroll in one jazz course. These majors must choose the jazz course in which they wish to enroll in the order of the following prescribed list.

First choice: MUS 149 Applied Jazz (1); Second choice: MUS 207 Jazz Keyboard (2); Third choice: MUS 208 Jazz Improvisation I (3). Please note, instructor consent is required for students to enroll in MUS 208 Jazz Improvisation.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Music Major.
- Minimum Recital Attendance is required for Upper Divisional and prior to Graduation. (See Music Handbook).
- An Upper Divisional must be completed in order to register for 300/400 level music classes. (See Music Handbook)
- The Music Therapy major requires a minimum of 46 hours of music therapy specific coursework (10.5 credits which also count for Gen Ed Core), 46 hours of music related coursework (7 credits which count for Gen Ed Core) and approximately 36.5 total hours of Gen Ed Core requirements.
- The Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy degree requires a minimum of 120 hours.
- See the General Education Core for additional course requirements.

**REMEMBER:** If you have any questions about the Music Therapy Major and its requirements, contact the Music Department Chair, 317-788-3255, Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, Room 103B) or your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.