



Department of Music Therapy

Graduate School
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Department Introduction & History

The Department of Music Therapy at Sungshin Women's University was established in 2006 with the aim of cultivating clinical professionals in the field of music therapy and establishing the academic foundation of music therapy.

Music Therapy at Sungshin Women's University provides graduates with advanced specialization in both psychotherapeutic and neuroscientific approaches to music therapy. The curriculum emphasizes theory, practice, and clinical musicianship to support each student's growth as a professional music therapist. Students engage in theoretical studies related to music therapy such as music psychology, music neuroscience, music and human behavior,

music therapy research and special education. They also participate in practice-based courses focused on improvisation using guitar, voice, piano, and percussion. Additionally, students gain hands-on clinical experience through partnerships with medical centers, educational institutions, and welfare organizations. Currently, the Graduate Program in Music Therapy at Sungshin Women's University offers Master's, integrated Master's-Ph.D., and Doctoral programs.

Department's Educational goal & Specialization Objectives

The Department of Music Therapy at Sungshin Women's University aims to cultivate professional music therapists who scientifically apply the beauty of music to enhance emotional, cognitive, and physical well-being. To achieve this, the program offers a well-balanced curriculum that integrates three core areas: theoretical knowledge, performance and improvisation-based practical skills, and hands-on clinical training in diverse settings.

In response to the demands of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the department also encourages innovation in therapeutic approaches by integrating emerging fields such as digital music health technologies and music neuroscience into its curriculum. Through this integrative approach, the program seeks to develop creative therapists who possess both artistic sensitivity and scientific insight. Sungshin's Music Therapy program is committed to nurturing professionals who can effectively respond to the evolving therapeutic needs of society with expertise, adaptability, and a holistic perspective.

What sets Sungshin's Music Therapy program apart is its balanced integration of science, clinical training, and musical artistry. With a strong foundation in both psychotherapeutic and neuroscientific approaches, the department is committed to developing future leaders who can navigate the evolving demands of healthcare and human services in the 21st century.

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Degree course	Recommended Course Sequenc by Semester			
	1st	2 nd	3rd	4 th
Master's degree	- music therapy techniques - Music and Human Behavior -improvisational music therapy	- music therapy practice 1. - music therapy research	- music therapy practice 2. - Music therapy method - music therapy philosophy	-music therapy internship
Elective courses	music psychology, music neuroscience, music therapy for children with special need, the understanding of handicapped children, music therapy for geriatrics, music therapy in medical setting			
Doctorate	a total of six semesters			
	--music therapy seminar -music and science -music psychotherapy -music therapy assessment -music sociology -advanced music therapy research -music and imagery			

●The graduation requirement for the master’s degree offers a choice between submitting a thesis or completing an additional 9 credits.

Graduates of the music therapy program can pursue diverse career paths in clinical, educational, and research settings. They may work as certified music therapists in hospitals, mental health centers, rehabilitation facilities, special education schools, hospices, nursing homes, and community organizations.

Additionally, they may engage in private practice or interdisciplinary teams that address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of clients across the lifespan. Graduates with advanced degrees can also pursue careers in academia, clinical supervision, or contribute to the field through research and program development. As music therapy gains increased recognition in both healthcare and educational sectors, employment opportunities continue to grow both nationally and internationally.

Career after Graduation