

Mental Health Music Therapy Internship

Application Instructions

Cincinnati Children's Hospital—College Hill Campus

DATES

Application Deadline: December 1, 2026

All applications must be timestamped on or before December 1. Late applications will not be considered.

Internship Start Date: Late Summer/ Early Fall 2027

Exact date will vary based on intern's availability and start dates of other students in CCHMC's Division of Child Life and Integrative Care. We aim to give interns a cohort for peer support during their internship

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be notified via email when their complete application has been received. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The top applicants will be contacted via email to schedule a virtual interview.

DOUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION

Completed Application Form

Available on <https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/clinical/student-grad/music-therapy/mental-therapy>

Current Resume

Outlining relevant academic, professional, and volunteer experiences

Essays

A document with essays answering each of the following:

- 1) Why did you decide to pursue a career in music therapy? What areas of music therapy practice interest you the most?
- 2) What are your strengths as a student music therapist?
- 3) What skills do you hope to refine during your internship?
- 4) Why are you interested in interning in a mental health setting with children and adolescents? How will this internship help you achieve your career goals?

Please answer questions 5 & 6 with specific examples of interactions, experiences, or observations you've had in your personal life or as a student.

- 5) Describe a time when you became aware of someone whose culture, background or belief(s) differed from your own. How did you navigate that situation? *
 - a. Is there something you would have done differently?
 - b. What did you learn from this situation?
- 6) Explain the impact of working with individuals who are different than yourself on your therapeutic practice. In what ways will you ensure that your therapeutic approach is welcoming and relevant to each individual you work with? *

**Please note that the essays for questions 5 & 6 will also be blind reviewed by members of CCHMC's Child Life and Integrative Care's Intern Scholarship Committee to determine eligibility for an intern scholarship.*

Video

A video showcasing the applicant's skills on:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Voice

Applicants should play three songs that are relevant to individuals between ages 5 and 17 in a mental health setting. Do not submit mock music therapy experiences/interventions.

Submit the video via a YouTube link. Video should be uploaded as an **unlisted** (not private) YouTube video. For more information, see [this website](#). Please include the YouTube link in the document with the essays.

Coursework Description

A PDF or website link explaining the music therapy curriculum at applicant's university. If sending a link, please include the link in the document with the essays.

Electronic Transcripts

Submit transcripts from all universities attended. Official or unofficial transcripts will be accepted for the application process. If selected for internship, applicants will need to supply official transcripts as part of the acceptance process.

Three Letters of Recommendation

Letters should be written by individuals familiar with the applicant in a professional, academic, or volunteer environment. Letters should address applicant's musical, clinical, and professional skills. Recommendations should be emailed directly from the writer to mentalhealthMTinternship@cchmc.org

Letter of Eligibility from Academic Director

The statement of eligibility can be included in a letter of recommendation if the director is writing one. Otherwise, it should be a separate letter in addition to the 3 letters required above. It should be emailed directly from the director to mentalhealthMTinternship@cchmc.org

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All submissions must be submitted electronically to mentalhealthMTinternship@cchmc.org

Please use the subject line: Name Application (*example: Jenn Seley Application*)