

Master of Music Therapy

1. Background

The Graduate Diploma in Music Therapy was established in 1989 as a career path for those with an existing tertiary qualification in music or in allied health, to make a career change into music therapy. The course has been highly successful and demand has always exceeded places available. It is a 2-year full time, fee-paying course of 150 points (75 points in each year).

Since 1989, other Graduate Diploma courses in music therapy have been established at the University of Queensland (1990), the University of Technology, Sydney (1995) and the University of Western Sydney (2001).

Two of the above Universities have now converted their Graduate Diploma in Music Therapy to a 2-year course-work Master's degree. If the University of Melbourne wants to remain competitive in offering this level of education and training, it follows that we should also convert the Graduate Diploma to a course-work Masters.

The Masters in Music Therapy (MMusThrp) will provide a course of study for those people who have completed tertiary qualifications in music, music education or an equivalent field, in order for them to make a career change into the field of music therapy. The course provides a thorough study of the theory and practice of music therapy. On satisfactory completion of the MMusThrp, graduates will be eligible for Registration as Music Therapists with the Australian Music Therapy Association.

The MMusThrp will be a two-year, full-time course of study. Part time studies may be taken with the approval of the Faculty. This course will replace the Graduate Diploma in Music Therapy, although it will need to remain in operation until the current cohort of students has completed study in 2007. There is no quota but numbers are limited by the availability of clinical training sites. Approximately 6-8 places are to be offered each year.

2. Entry Requirements

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria-
 - A Bachelor of Music or a Bachelor of Music Education or an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline, such as teaching, nursing or occupational therapy, including at least one year of psychology studies; and
 - Demonstrate instrumental skills equivalent to eighth grade AMEB standard; and
 - Music history studies equivalent at least to one year of tertiary study; and
 - Music theory studies equivalent at least to fifth grade AMEB;
2. All applicants must undertake a live audition and attend an interview and submit a 3,000 word essay on a topic related to music therapy.
3. Applicants are also required to submit 3 references – an academic reference, a musical aptitude reference and a character reference

4. Course/Program Structure

Year 1 Semester 1

740-5xx Applications of Music Therapy A	12.5 points
740-5xx Music Therapy Skills 1	12.5
740-5xx Clinical Training in Music Therapy 1	12.5
740-5xx Music Psychology Research	12.5

Semester 2

740-5xx Applications of Music Therapy B	12.5
740-5xx Music Therapy Skills 2	12.5
740-5xx Clinical Training in Music Therapy 2	12.5
740-5xx Research in Music Therapy	12.5

Year 2**Semester 1**

740-5xx Music Therapy Skills 3	12.5
740-5xx Clinical Training in Music Therapy 3	12.5

Semester 2.

740-5xx Applications of Music Therapy C	12.5
740-5xx Music Therapy Skills 4	12.5

Semesters 1 and 2

740-5xx Minor Thesis (Music Therapy) (full-year subject)	50.0
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4. Availability of course

The course will be available to fee-paying overseas and Australian students.