Rewarding Profession

The work of the music therapist is gratifying and rewarding. The ability and desire to help others is needed in order to achieve job satisfaction. Good health and emotional stability are necessary in this relatively new profession which stands on the threshold of greater development.

Salaries compare favorably with those of public school music teachers and medically related professions with similar emphasis on academic degree and special training. Regular working hours, vacation policies and other hospital benefits can be expected.

Program of Courses Leading To The Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Therapy

English Science

Government Medical Lectures History (hospital orientation)

Sociology Speech Physical Education Music

Psychology

Fields included in the Music courses are: Theory, History and Literature, Conducting, Influence of Music on Behavior, Psychology of Music, Music Education, Ensemble, Class Instruction, Voice, and Piano.

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National Registration for Music Therapists

The Music Department at Texas Woman's University is one of the few in the country to offer courses leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy. Upon completion of academic work, a six-month clinical training program is required in an approved neuro-psychiatric hospital. Students planning to work with mentally defective or handicapped children should spend an additional two months in an appropriate institution. The student is eligible to become a registered music therapist after successfully completing the above program.

Academic Training

The music therapy program at Texas Woman's University enables the future music therapist to obtain a sound musical background and also allows her to gain knowledge and training relating to the use of music in a clinical environment. The student studies music as a major subject and takes a minor in psychology. Music therapy students receive instruction in voice, band and orchestral instruments, and piano. Private lessons are supplemented by a knowledge of all instruments and experience in playing them.





The student participates in band, chorus, modern choir, dance band, or other ensemble, and learns to direct group and individual music activities.

A Career in Music Therapy

The use of music as a tool in rehabilitation is being employed by many institutions throughout the country. Institutions for patients who are deaf and blind, afflicted with cerebral palsy, poliomyelitis, orthopedic handicaps, cardiac difficulties, and tuberculosis have found the use of music to be beneficial in the treatment programs. The job opportunities at the present time, however, are primarily in mental hospitals. Employment opportunities are available in Federal, State, County, City, and private institutions.

What Is Music Therapy?

Music may be used therapeutically for recreational purposes but only when its use is prescribed by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or qualified specialist can it be considered as therapy. It may offer many patients an opportunity to relax, have fun, and enable them to participate in an activity where there is no specific or utilitarian motive involved. Music may be employed as a socializing force; to lower or raise tensions, or to offer a highly personal subjective experience. Music and the playing of musical instruments may offer a learning experience, an exercise or exhibition of individual skill, a temporary release from environmental confines, or a creative outlet. The structure of music may give the patient a sense of security and a chance for him to make contact with a segment of reality which contains no serious threat. The use of music offers an excellent chance for a positive relationship between patient and therapist. Finally, music is used therapeutically when it occupies a position on the "therapeutic team" and contributes to the "total push" program.

