

Music Therapy Licensure Requirements by State - Nov. 2018

The Certification Board of Music Therapists (CBMT) & The American Music
Therapy Association (AMTA)

Any person looking to practice as a Music Therapist is required become board certified by successfully passing the board certification examination presented by *The Certification Board for Music Therapists* (CBMT).

In addition, the following states require a license in order to practice. There requirements are as followed:

Georgia

Georgia Secretary of State
Music Therapy
214 State capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Phone: (844) 753-7825

Georgia Requirements

§ 43-25A-5. Application for music therapy license

The Secretary shall issue a license to an applicant for a music therapy license when such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and in such manner as the Secretary prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the Secretary that:

- The applicant is at least 18 years of age;
- The applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its equivalent, from a program approved by the American Music Therapy Association or any successor organization within an accredited college or university;
- The applicant successfully completes a minimum of 1,200 hours of clinical training, with at least 180 hours in preinternship experiences and at least 900 hours in internship experiences, provided that the internship shall be approved by an academic institution, the American Music Therapy Association or any successor organization, or both;
- The applicant is in good standing based on a review of the applicant's music therapy licensure history in other jurisdictions, including a review of any alleged misconduct or neglect in the practice of music therapy on the part of the applicant;
- The applicant provides proof of passing the examination for board certification offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization or provides proof of being transitioned into board certification, and provides proof that the applicant is currently a board certified music therapist; and
- The applicant has satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the Secretary. Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary or his or her representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary for licensure by examination agrees to provide the Secretary with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check

Please visit <http://sos.ga.gov/> for more information.

New York

The New York State Senate

Phone: (607) 735-9671

New York Requirements

TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE AS A "LICENSED CLINICAL MUSIC THERAPIST," AN APPLICANT SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

Application

- File an application with the department

Education

- Have received education, including a Master's degree or higher in music therapy or a related field from a program registered by the department or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalent thereof, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.
- The graduate coursework shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:
 - Human growth and development
 - Theories in music therapy
 - Group dynamics
 - Assessment and appraisal of individuals and groups
 - Research and program evaluation
 - Professional orientation and ethics
 - Foundations of music therapy and psychopathology
 - Clinical instruction

Experience

- Have completed at least 1,500 hours of post-master's supervised experience in music therapy satisfactory to the department and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations. Satisfactory experience obtained in an entity operating under a waiver issued by the department pursuant to section 6503 (A) of this title may be accepted by the department, now with understanding that such experience may have been obtained prior to the effective date of such section and/or prior to the entity having obtained a waiver.
- The department may, for good cause, show accept satisfactory experience that was obtained in a setting that would have been eligible for a waiver but which has not obtained a waiver from the department or experience that was obtained in a good faith by the applicant under the belief that appropriate authorization had been obtained for the experience provided that such experience meets all other requirements for acceptable experience.

Examination

- Provide proof of passing a national board certification examination or provide proof of being transitioned into a national board certification credential, satisfactory to the board

and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, currently available to music therapists who have met the education and clinical training standards of the professions

Age and Character

- At least 21 years of age
- Be of good moral character as determined by the department

Please visit <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/> for more information.

Nevada

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
4150 Technology Way
Carson City, NV 89706

Phone: (775) 684-4200

Contact: dpbh@health.nv.gov

Nevada Requirements

NRS 640D.110 Qualifications of applicants

The Board shall issue a license to practice music therapy to an applicant who:

- Is at least 18 years of age;
- Is of good moral character; and
- Submits to the Board:
 - A completed application on a form provided by the Board;
 - Proof that the applicant has successfully completed an academic program approved by the American Music Therapy Association or its successor organization with a bachelor's degree or higher degree in music therapy
 - A fee in the amount of \$200 or such other amount as prescribed by regulation by the Board;
 - A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and
 - Proof that the applicant has passed the examination for board certification offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or its successor organization or is certified as a music therapist by that Board or its successor organization.

Please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/> for more information.

North Dakota

North Dakota Board of Integrative Healthcare
523 Demars Ave
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Phone: (218) 791-0908

North Dakota Requirements

43-59-03. Qualifications for licensure.

- In order to obtain a license to practice music therapy in this state, an application must be made to the board. The application must be upon the form adopted by the board and must be made in the manner prescribed by the board.
- An applicant for licensure to practice music therapy shall file an application on forms provided by the board showing to the board's satisfaction that the applicant is an individual of good moral character, is at least eighteen years of age, and satisfied all the requirements established by the board which may include:
 - Successful graduation of a board-approved educational program;
 - Successful completion of a board-approved examination prescribed or endorsed by the board;
 - Hold in good standing a board-approved designation, such as:
 - A music therapist board-certified credential from the certification board for music therapists; or
 - A professional designation from the national music therapy registry, which may include registered music therapist, certified music therapist, and advanced certified music therapist.
 - Physical, mental, and professional capability for the practice of music therapy in a manner acceptable to the board;
 - A history free of any finding by the board, any other state licensure board, or any court of competent jurisdiction of the commission of any act that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this chapter or chapter 43-57. The board may modify this restriction for cause.
- The application must be accompanied by the board-established license fees and application fees and by the documents, affidavits, and certificates necessary to establish that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications.

Please visit <https://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t43c59.pdf> for more information.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure & Supervision
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-1821

Phone: (405) 962-1400

Contact: supportservices@okmedicalboard.org

Oklahoma Requirements

Except as otherwise provided by law, the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision shall issue a license to an applicant for a music therapy license when such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and in such manner as the Board prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- Is of good moral character;
- Holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its equivalent, from a program approved by the American Music Therapy Association or any successor organization within an accredited college or university;
- Successfully completed a minimum of one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of clinical training, with at least fifteen percent (15%) or one hundred eighty (180) hours in pre-internship experiences, and at least seventy-five percent (75%) or nine hundred (900) hours in internship experiences. Internship programs may be approved by an academic institution, the American Music Therapy Association, or both;
- Is in good standing based on a review of the applicant's music therapy licensure history in other jurisdictions, including a review of any alleged misconduct or neglect in the practice of music therapy on the part of the applicant; and
- Passed the examination for board certification offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization or provides proof of being transitioned into board certification, and the applicant is currently a board-certified music therapist.

Please visit http://www.okmedicalboard.org/music_therapists for more information.

Oregon

Oregon Health Licensing Office
1430 Tandem Ave. NE, Suite 180
Salem, OR 97301

Phone: (503) 378-8667

Contact: anne.p.thompson@state.or.us

Oregon Requirements

681.710 License to practice music therapy; fees. The Health Licensing Office shall issue a license to practice music therapy to an applicant who:

- Is at least 18 years of age;
- Is in good standing in any other states where the applicant is licensed or certified to practice music therapy;
- Submits sufficient proof, as determined by the office, of:
 - Having passed the Certification Board for Music Therapists examination;
 - Current certification with the Certification Board for Music Therapists; or
 - A professional designation of “registered music therapist,” “certified music therapist” or “advanced certified music therapist” issued by the National Music Therapy Registry;
- Pays a licensure fee; and
- Meets other qualifications specified by the office under ORS 681.730. [2015 c.632 §2]

Please visit https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors681.html for more information.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Phone: (401) 222-5960

Rhode Island Requirements

§ 23-20.8.1-3. Issuance of registration - Minimum qualifications

The director shall issue a registration to an applicant for a music therapy registration when such applicant has completed and submitted an application, upon a form and in such manner as the director prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the director that:

- The applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- The applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its equivalent, from a program approved by the American Music Therapy Association, or any successor organization within an accredited college or university;
- The applicant successfully completes a minimum of twelve hundred (1,200) hours of clinical training, with at least one hundred eighty (180) hours in pre-internship experiences and at least nine hundred (900) hours in internship experiences; provided that the internship is approved by an academic institution, the American Music Therapy Association or its successor association, or both;
- The applicant is in good standing based on a review of the applicant's music therapy practice history in other jurisdictions, including a review of any alleged misconduct or neglect in the practice of music therapy on the part of the applicant;
- The applicant provides proof of passing the examination for board certification offered by the certification board for music therapists, or any successor organization, or provides proof of being transitioned into board certification, and provides proof that the applicant is currently a board-certified music therapist.

The director shall issue a registration to an applicant for a music therapy registration when such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form, and in such manner as the director prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the director that the applicant is registered and in good standing as a music therapist in another jurisdiction where the qualifications required are equal to, or greater than, those required in this chapter at the date of application.

Please visit <https://law.justia.com/codes/rhode-island/> for more information.

Utah

Utah Requirements

58-84-201. Qualifications for state certification.

- The division shall grant state certification to a person who qualifies under this chapter to engage in the practice of music therapy as a state certified music therapist.
- Each applicant for state certification as a state certified music therapist shall:
 - submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
 - pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - be of good moral character; and
 - provide satisfactory documentation that the applicant is board certified by, and in good standing with, the Certification Board for Music Therapists, or an equivalent board as determined by division rule.

58-1-301. License application -- Licensing procedure.

- Each license applicant shall apply to the division in writing upon forms available from the division. Each completed application shall contain documentation of the particular qualifications required of the applicant, shall include the applicant's Social Security number, shall be verified by the applicant, and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
 - An applicant's Social Security number is a private record under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(i).
- A license shall be issued to an applicant who submits a complete application if the division determines that the applicant meets the qualifications of licensure.
 - A written notice of additional proceedings shall be provided to an applicant who submits a complete application, but who has been, is, or will be placed under investigation by the division for conduct directly bearing upon the applicant's qualifications for licensure, if the outcome of additional proceedings is required to determine the division's response to the application.
 - A written notice of denial of licensure shall be provided to an applicant who submits a complete application if the division determines that the applicant does not meet the qualifications of licensure.
 - A written notice of incomplete application and conditional denial of licensure shall be provided to an applicant who submits an incomplete application. This notice shall advise the applicant that the application is incomplete and that the application is denied, unless the applicant corrects the deficiencies within the time period specified in the notice and otherwise meets all qualifications for licensure.
- Before any person is issued a license under this title, all requirements for that license as established under this title and by rule shall be met.
- If all requirements are met for the specific license, the division shall issue the license.

Please visit <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter1/> for more information.