

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Music Therapists

## What They Do

Plan, organize, or direct medically prescribed music therapy activities designed to positively influence patients' psychological or behavioral status.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social** – involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Often involve helping or providing service to others.

**Investigative** – involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking.

**Artistic**– involves working with forms, designs and patterns. Require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Relationships** – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**Independence** – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Achievement** – results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Expression
- Oral Comprehension
- Speech Clarity
- Speech Recognition
- Written Comprehension

## Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Speaking
- Learning Strategies
- Judgement and Decision Making

## Education & Training

Music Therapists require a four-year bachelor's degree.

## US Employment & Wages

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	4
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	3
Listening for Understanding	4

## Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of chiropractors are:

- Offices of Health Practitioners
- Offices of Physicians

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Average Annual Wage
18,600	20,900	2,300	12%	660	\$45,890

## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/mic](http://www.dlr.gov/mic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

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