

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Music Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1125.02

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 – Enjoy working with, communicating with, and teaching people. They like helping or providing service to others.

Artistic – Interested in self-expression and working with forms and patterns. The work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

Investigative - Interested in science and logic. They like to analyze and solve problems.

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.

Achievement – Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

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

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

- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Speaking
- Learning Strategies

Where They Work

Industries which employ the largest number of music therapists are:

- Residential Treatment Centers
- Schools, Colleges, and Universities
- Elder Care Facilities
- Correctional Facilities
- Hospitals and Clinics, both Medical and Psychiatric
- Out-Patient Mental Health Agencies and Day Treatment Facilities

Education & Training

Music therapists need a **bachelor's degree in music therapy or related program.**

SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
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Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

online.onetcenter.org

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