

WAC 246-837-060 Continuing education requirements for a music therapist. Every two years upon renewal, a music therapist must attest to completing the continuing education (CE) requirements in subsection (1) or (2) of this section.

(1) The department will accept the following as proof of meeting continuing education:

(a) A current MT-BC certification issued by the CBMT or another national certification board approved by the secretary that requires CE as part of certification; and

(b) Two hours of health equity continuing education credits as described in subsection (4) of this section.

(2) A music therapist who does not hold a current certification as described in subsection (1) of this section shall complete a minimum of 40 hours of CE related to the practice of music therapy.

(a) A minimum of 33 hours of activities must directly address music therapist skill development or music therapist clinical practice, as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) At least one hour must pertain to professional ethics and boundaries of a music therapist.

(c) At least two hours must be in health equity as described in subsection (4) of this section.

(d) No more than six hours may be in professional development activities that enhance the licensee's business practice as a music therapist. If audited, the credential holder must submit a certificate of completion or other proof of completion and documentation showing how this relates to their music therapy practice.

(e) Fifty minutes of CE contact time or direct instruction is equivalent to one CE hour.

(3) CE hours may be obtained through one or more of the following:

(a) Courses from a college or university accredited by the United States Department of Education may meet all the required CE hours.

(i) One academic semester credit is equivalent to 15 CE hours.

(ii) One academic quarter credit is equivalent to 10 CE hours.

(iii) Audit requirement is a course syllabus and transcript from the college or university.

(b) Courses from a CE provider.

(i) Courses from providers approved by the CBMT or a national certification board affiliated with music therapy approved by the secretary may meet all of the required CE hours.

(ii) Courses from providers not approved by a national certification board affiliated with music therapy may meet no more than six CE hours.

(iii) Audit requirement is a certificate of completion or letter from a CE provider that includes the course topic and CE hours completed.

(c) Licensee-led instruction of a CE course.

(i) College or university instruction may meet no more than 16 CE hours.

(ii) Any other type of instruction may meet no more than eight CE hours.

(iii) Repeated instruction in the same course may only qualify for CE credit one time in a single CE reporting period.

(iv) Instruction must be related to music therapy.

(v) Audit requirement is the title, description, and dates of course of instruction on a letter from the academic institution or education provider.

(d) Attendance at AMTA National and Regional Conference.

(i) Audit requirement for a full conference is the Certificate of Attendance.

(ii) Audit requirement for individual sessions is signed verification of attendance.

(e) Supervision of practicum student for five hours credit per student or an intern for 10 hours credit per student. Audit requirement is written verification from the music therapy university or facility coordinator.

(f) Develop a new AMTA Academic Program for 100 hours credit per academic program. Audit requirement is a letter of program approval from the AMTA.

(g) Establish a music therapy internship for 30 hours credit per university affiliated program or 50 hours credit per program that is on the AMTA national roster of internship programs. Audit requirement is written verification from the university or AMTA approval letter.

(4) A music therapist must complete two hours of health equity continuing education training every four years as described in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

(5) A music therapist shall comply with the requirements of WAC 246-12-170 through 246-12-240.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.122.050, 18.130.077, 18.233.060, 18.233.070, 43.70.250, 43.70.613, 2023 c 175, 2021 c 276, 2023 c 425, and chapter 18.130 RCW. WSR 24-17-081, § 246-837-060, filed 8/19/24, effective 9/19/24.]