

Texas Woman's University
Department of Family Sciences and Department of Music and Drama
Dual Master's Degree Program
Counseling and Development and Music

MS in Counseling and Development and MA in Music (emphasis in Music Therapy)

Admission

Students wishing admission to this program must:

1. Hold Board Certification in Music Therapy through the Certification Board for Music Therapists (MT-BC). Students who are not already board certified or eligible to take the exam may apply for a graduate equivalency program in music therapy to be completed concurrently with the dual master's degree program. This is possible as long as their undergraduate degree is in music from an NASM accredited college or university OR (for international students) as long as their undergraduate degree is equivalent to a music degree from an NASM accredited college of university. Equivalency work usually involves about 50 hours of undergraduate coursework in addition to the 64 hours of graduate coursework involved in the dual degree program. International Students will be required to achieve a score of 550 on the TOEFL or its equivalent.
2. Apply for admission from BOTH departments through the graduate school. Specify the dual degree program and request that the Graduate School send the application to BOTH departments for review. A single online application may be used.
3. Complete an interview with Family Sciences Faculty. Information regarding the interview can be obtained by contacting the Family Sciences Department.
4. Receive admission to the Dual Degree Program by both departments. Entering students must apply for admission to the Dual Degree Program prior to completing 12 graduate semester hours.
5. Enrollment in the Dual Master's Program may be limited. If all available spaces for Dual Degree students are filled, students may be asked to delay enrollment to a subsequent year or be denied admission. Apply early.

The Program

The guidelines for the master's level preparation in Counseling & Development and Music (Music Therapy Specialization) Dual Degree within the State Board of Examiners for Professional Counselors (LPC) are listed below. The dual Master's degree in Counseling & Development and Music (Therapy Specialization) would consist of 64 semester hours.

The Council for Accreditation for Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education (CHEA), has conferred accreditation to the M.S. in Counseling and Development, Community Counseling focal area.

Music Core: 12 hours

MU 5933	Styles in Music	3
MU 5643	Research on Music and Behavior	3
MU 5973	Professional Paper	3
MU Elective		3

Music Therapy Area: 10 hours

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MU 5533	Philosophy and Theories of MT	3
MU 5543	Multicultural Aspects of Music Therapy	3
FS 5894	Internship in Counseling (joint internship in music therapy and counseling with joint supervision by MU and FS faculty)	4
	(Must be taken after the Music Therapy Internship)	

Counseling Area: 42 hours

FS 5003	Lifespan Human Development	3
FS 5303	Professional Orientation and Ethics	3
FS 5313	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
FS 5323	Psychological Appraisal	3
FS 5353	Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	3
FS 5363	Prepracticum	3
FS 5364	Practicum in Counseling	4
FS 5373	Group Counseling	3
FS 5443	Multicultural Counseling	3
FS 5453	Counseling for Career Development	3
FS 5493	Community Mental Health Counseling	3
FS 5894	Internship in Counseling	4
FS 5911	Individual Study: Counseling and Development Portfolio	1
	Counseling Elective	3

Total= 64 Hours

Special Note #1: The following courses must be completed prior to enrolling in the Counseling Clinical Competency Sequence:

FS 5303	Professional Orientation & Ethics (Fall 4 weekends)
FS 5313	Counseling Theories
FS 5443	Multicultural Counseling

Special Note #2: **FS 5373 Group Counseling must be taken concurrently with FS 5364 Practicum in counseling**

Special Note #3: Professional competency courses must be taken at TWU in the Department of Family Sciences. The student must take these courses in sequence and earn a grade of "CR" in each course to advance in the sequence. Any student receiving a "PR" in one of these courses must retake the course before progressing in the sequence. Students receiving 1(one) "PR" in a professional competency course must meet with the Counseling and Development faculty before registering for additional courses. Students receiving a "C" in any course must meet with the Counseling and Development faculty before registering for any additional classes. No two professional competency courses can be taken at the same time. Two grades of "C" or "PR" will result in dismissal from the Counseling and Development program.

Students wanting to register for the professional competency courses (Prepracticum, Group Counseling, and Practicum) need to fill out an application for admission for each restricted enrollment course. Students will be informed by letter when they are admitted to the class. Applications for restricted enrollment courses need to be completed one semester prior to

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enrollment. There is an October 15th deadline for application submission for the spring semester, a February 15th deadline for summer, and an April 1st deadline for the fall semester. The application forms are available on the forms rack outside the Family Sciences office.

Special Note #4: Students who wish to work in Substance Abuse/Chemical Dependency Facilities should consider taking FS 5143 (Substance Abuse Counseling) as a counseling elective in the 64 hour curriculum.

Special Note #5: Students taking the equivalency program in music therapy while completing the dual degree in counseling and music therapy must complete their music therapy undergraduate internship **before** beginning the graduate practicum/internship sequence in counseling. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis, but in **no case** can a student complete the joint internship in Counseling/MT (the 2nd semester of FS 5894) prior to completing the undergraduate MT internship, as per AMTA requirements.

Refer to the TWU Graduate Catalog for further explanation of policy and procedures.

Required for Graduation with Dual Degree:

Eligibility to take the CBMT Board Certification Examination in Music Therapy
64 Hour Dual Master's Degree Program

Required for Licensure as LPC:

LPC Examination and Postgraduate Experience (3000 hours)