

SPECTRUM CREATIVE ARTS

Internship Fact Sheet

Paid, Hourly Music Therapy Internship



WELCOME

Spectrum Creative Arts LLC provides premium quality creative arts services in the areas of music therapy, music instruction, art therapy, and art instruction for children and adults in Rochester, New York and surrounding areas. Here at Spectrum, we believe that EVERYONE is an artist, and we seek to empower our clients to create, explore, and enjoy the arts.

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Our Internship Program

Since opening in September 2013, Spectrum Creative Arts has worked collaboratively with university music therapy programs to support high-quality, university-affiliated internship placements. We have completed placements with students from Berklee College of Music, SUNY Fredonia, Duquesne University, Slippery Rock University, Purdue University, Montclair State University, Nazareth University, Shenandoah University, and other partnering institutions.

Spectrum Creative Arts offers university-affiliated internship placements exclusively and does not participate in the National Roster internship system.



Populations Served

As a community-based creative arts program, our instructors and therapists work with individuals of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds. The Music Therapy Department provides individual and group music therapy, consultative services, adaptive lessons, classes, ensembles, workshops and trainings, and co-treatments, serving a wide range of populations and environments.

Interns have opportunities to observe, co-treat, and lead music therapy sessions both onsite in our clinic space and throughout the community. Offsite placements have included school-based programs, psychiatric centers, nursing facilities, day care centers, community programs, and home visits with medically fragile individuals.

Internship Placement Schedule

Spectrum Creative Arts offers internship placements with typical start dates in September or January. We are currently seeking interns for a 10-month placement, which aligns well with both university requirements and the needs of students served within our programs. This structure allows interns to maintain an average weekly commitment of approximately 25–30 hours, supporting consistency in clinical work while promoting sustainability across the internship year.

Recruitment and application timelines are structured to allow ample time for interviews, auditions, and university coordination.

September Start

- Recruitment begins in January
- Applications open in March
- Rolling auditions begin in April
- Applications close by mid-May
- Final decisions communicated by July 1
- Internship begins on the Tuesday following Labor Day
- Placement typically concludes in late June or early July (10-month placement)

January Start

- Recruitment begins in June
- Applications open in mid-August
- Rolling auditions begin in September
- Applications close by early October
- Final decisions communicated by mid-November
- Internship begins around January 15
- Placement typically concludes in late October or early November (10-month placement)

ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS



Applicants must meet the following entry-level requirements:

- Completion of all undergraduate or equivalency coursework from an accredited music therapy program
- Documented music therapy practicum experience
- A letter from the academic director verifying eligibility for internship placement
- Demonstration of pre-internship musicianship, clinical, and professional skills appropriate for internship-level training, as evidenced during the formal audition
- Knowledge of and respect for diverse backgrounds, with the ability to build collaborative, professional relationships within a team-based environment

Documentation of liability insurance must be provided prior to the start of the internship. This can be carried through intern's university or privately.

HOW TO APPLY



Interested applicants first complete the Interest Form, which is available under the Employment → Music Therapy Internship section of our website at:

www.spectrumcreativearts.org

Following an initial phone screening, the Internship Director will send a link to the full application to selected applicants. The application includes completion of basic applicant information and short essay questions, as well as uploading a current resume, a letter of eligibility from the applicant's university, and official or unofficial academic transcripts.

The Internship Director will then contact applicants to review the internship structure, expectations, and application requirements. Selected applicants are invited to participate in a formal interview and audition, which typically takes approximately 4–5 hours. Interviews and auditions may be scheduled onsite (preferred) or remotely when needed.

Applicants will receive a separate document outlining what materials to bring, how to prepare, and the skills they should be ready to demonstrate during the audition and interview process.

Applicants will be required to also provide two letters of reference (preferably clinical supervisors), and a release of all disciplinary records from the university.

PREPARATION FOR THE INTERNSHIP AUDITION AND INTERVIEW

To bring with you:

- a sample of your clinical writing (sample assessment and session outline)
- an original song or session experience you created
- your primary instrument and guitar (a guitar will be available for your use if you prefer)

To prepare:

- a song on piano that demonstrates your current skill level
- a song on guitar that demonstrates your current skill level

Be ready to:

- accompany yourself on a percussion instrument while singing
- sight read from a fake book or provided sheet music
- improvise on piano
- create a song from provided lyrics
- talk about your previous clinical experiences

We are located at 3300 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, N.Y.

Our private entrance is located down on the left side of the building under a large brown awning. Take the staircase (or outdoor elevator) down to the basement level. We are the door on the right. Parking is free.

Internship Director and Supervisors



Wade Richards, MT-BC
Internship Director



Noa Ferguson, MS, MT-BC
Co-Founder and Director



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*View our entire staff and read through our
individual bios at:*

<https://spectrumcreativearts.org/our-team/>

IMPORTANT FACTS



EMPLOYMENT

We are currently offering an hourly internship position at \$16.00 per hour. Should you continue with us after your internship, your hourly rate will be adjusted.

TRANSPORTATION

Interns are required to have their own car, auto insurance, and a valid drivers license. Minimal travel, mileage is not reimbursed. Instead your are paid for your drive time.

BACKGROUND CHECK

Following the initial internship offer, a background check will be conducted (free of charge), before a final internship contract is provided.

INSTRUMENTS

Our clinic has a variety of instruments available for our intern to sign-out for their session work.

OFFICE SPACE

You will have access to office space in our clinic. Often we are able to provide a company iPad for your use.

