

Mission Statement

1. To define a body of knowledge, and application of that knowledge, that represents competent practice for therapeutic musicians.

2. To create and maintain educational standards for diploma programs and continuing education programs that offer training for therapeutic musicians.

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About the NSBTM

The National Standards Board for Therapeutic Musicians (NSBTM) consists of leaders in the therapeutic music field who have joined together to develop and maintain standards for therapeutic musician training programs and their graduates.

Accredited programs meet the NSBTM's established standards for Admission requirements, Courses of Study, Scope of Practice, Code of Ethics and other rules of conduct for the certified therapeutic musician.

A therapeutic musician is a musician that plays live music at the bedside of persons who are faced with physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges. Their interaction generally occurs in the person's home, a hospice or in a clinical setting.

The practice of a therapeutic musician is not to be confused with the practice of a music therapist. For more information on Music Therapy go to <http://www.musictherapy.org>

Some Frequently Asked Questions

What is the National Standards Board for Therapeutic Musicians?

The National Standards Board for Therapeutic Musicians is a governing body for accredited programs that graduate therapeutic musicians. Its purpose is the development and advancement of the profession of bedside therapeutic music.

What is therapeutic music?

Therapeutic music is an art based on the science of sound. It is live acoustic music, played or sung, specifically tailored to the patient's immediate need, which brings music's intrinsic healing value to the bedside of the ailing.

What does a therapeutic musician do?

A therapeutic musician uses the inherent healing elements of live music and sound to enhance the environment for patients in healthcare settings, making it more conducive to the human healing process.

What is a typical therapeutic music session like?

The therapeutic musician is trained to assess the patient's behavior, condition and communication in order to meet the patient's immediate need with appropriate therapeutic music.

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