

## **Music Therapy Practicum Placement Guidelines**

A music therapy practicum placement at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is a well-rounded introduction to the unique setting of pediatric music therapy. There are three music therapists working on site that will provide students with an opportunity to work with a wide variety of patients of differing ages and diagnoses throughout the hospital. Music Therapy currently serves the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Hematology and Oncology Unit (Heme/Onc), as well as our general medical/surgical floors. With such a diverse population, there are certain guidelines set forth by Cardinal Glennon for students seeking a placement at this facility to ensure an optimal learning experience.

Guidelines for practicum placement consideration are as follows:

- Student is seeking placement for either third or fourth practicum.
- Cardinal Glennon will accept practicum students during the fall semester starting in August / September due to our National Roster Internship Program.
- Prospective candidates will complete virtual interviews with on-site supervisors.
- Interest should be communicated by the university practicum placement coordinator no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration for a fall placement.
- We ask that universities communicate if a student is interested in being considered for both practicum and internship, as we are unable to accept the same student into both placements. An offer for practicum will be made once an internship has been accepted.
- Upon practicum placement selection, students will be on-boarded through Volunteer Services. Due to the extensive nature of the onboarding process, interested students must begin the on-boarding process several months before their anticipated start date. Please visit <https://www.ssmhealth.com/cardinal-glennon/resources/volunteer/volunteering-at-the-hospital> for more details.

- Students will be on site once a week for 3-4 hours for at least 10 weeks throughout the course of the semester.
- Students will spend the first 2-3 weeks observing music therapy sessions before starting to co-facilitate interventions with on-site supervisor. The last 3-4 weeks of practicum, students will facilitate full sessions under supervision.
- This practicum placement will not require students to write out formal session plans as these are not typically utilized in the pediatric hospital setting. Pediatric music therapists must be flexible and adapt to the ever changing needs of patients.
- Music therapy supervisors at Cardinal Glennon are available to review hypothetical session plans in order to develop students' clinical skills (e.g., identifying patient goal areas, designing effective music therapy interventions, clinical writing, etc.).

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