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INTERNATIONAL NEUROLOGIC MUSIC THERAPY TRAINING INSTITUTE (Online)

This training is open to allied professionals who are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of neurologic music therapy (NMT) and music therapists interested in utilizing NMT methodology and techniques.

Neurologic Music Therapy is defined as the therapeutic application of music to cognitive, sensory, and motor function due to neurologic disease of the human nervous system. Neurologic Music Therapy is research-based. Its treatment techniques are based on the scientific knowledge in music perception and production and the effects thereof on nonmusical brain and behavior functions. Populations served by Neurologic Music Therapists include, but are not limited to: stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's and Huntington's disease, cerebral palsy, developmental disorders, Alzheimer's disease, autism, and other neurological diseases affecting cognition, movement, and communication (e.g., MS, Muscular Dystrophy, etc). The 4-day, 30-hour workshop will provide therapists with advanced clinical training and scientific knowledge in the field of NMT. Upon completion of this course, participants will:

- 1) Be able to demonstrate a basic definition and introductory knowledge about neurologic music therapy (NMT), including the taxonomy of techniques used in NMT;
- 2) Demonstrate an increased knowledge of current research supporting NMT techniques;
- 3) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the Transformational Design Model; a model to assist in treatment selection based on functional goals;
- 4) Identify current clinical assessments that can be used by NMT's for treatment evaluation;
- 5) Be able to answer basic neuroanatomy and pathology questions related to a variety of neurologic disorders.

Upon successful completion of this course and a written test, a certificate of completion in advanced Neurologic Music Therapy training will be issued by the Robert F. Unkefer Academy for Neurologic Music Therapy. Completion of the NMT training allows the board-certified music therapist to practice and use the credential of NMT for three years. This training is open to other students and professionals outside of the field of music therapy, however, completion of the NMT training does NOT allow one to practice outside their professional licensure training-certification. There are no required prerequisites to take this training.

Completion of the training in its entirety is expected to gain the NMT designation and certificate.