



Music Therapy Internship

Location: Bridgeway Academy (formerly Helping Hands Center for Special Needs) is located at 2500 Medary Avenue, Columbus, OH 43202

Description of Services: Bridgeway Academy is a non-profit education and therapy center with a mission to meet the educational and therapeutic needs of children with Autism and other developmental disabilities. The Education Center is a full-day private school program that follows a traditional academic-year calendar. The Therapy Center provides therapeutic and psychological services for Education Center students as well as individuals who come to the Therapy Center strictly for therapeutic services. Summer Camp is an eight (8) week summer program that provides recreational, social and academic opportunities during the summer months..

Population Served: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Williams Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Brain Injury, and Cognitive Delays of all ages. The majority of clients are on the Autism Spectrum and are ages 3 to 15.

Starting Dates: Approximately Mid-August and beginning of November. Please contact us for specific starting dates. Application deadline for both starting dates is January 1 of that same year.

Internship Experience: Interns will work with children, ages 1-18 with a wide range of abilities, in individual and group music therapy settings. They will be exposed to a variety of techniques, including ABA/DTT, improvisation, LAMP for Speech Generating Devices, PECS and Sensory Integration. Interns will be expected to write goals and objectives for treatment plans/IEPs; record data; write progress reports; attend treatment team meetings; and observe, plan, co-lead, and lead individual and group therapy settings. Interns will also have the opportunity to work in the classroom as a discrete trial instructor.

Entry Level Requirements and Evaluations: Prospective interns should complete an application, an interview, and an audition to assess voice, piano and guitar skills. Auditions will include singing a song a cappella and playing guitar and piano I-IV-V accompaniment in at least three keys. Prospective interns should demonstrate **proficiency** in written and spoken English, as interns are language models for our students. They should also demonstrate interest and a reasonable comfort level in working with students with developmental delays, including those with aggressive tendencies. An on-site audition is preferred.

Staff and Professionals at Bridgeway Academy

The facility is headed by directors Erin Nealy, MT-BC, and Abigail David, CCC/SLP. Internship Director, Tanya Corso, MT-BC, has worked with the directors since Fall 2003 and has been practicing music therapy since 1998, with experience in both behavioral and improvisational music therapy. There are approximately six (6) music therapists who work alongside speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, BCBA's and teachers.

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Contact Information: Tanya Corso, MT-BC can be reached via e-mail at tcorso@bridgewayohio.com, or phone at 614-262-7520, ext.111. Applications may be emailed or mailed to the addresses listed above. For more information and an application, please visit www.bridgewayohio.org.

Other Important Information: No housing, meals, or transportation is available at this time. A stipend of \$1000 may be available, and liability insurance for the intern will be provided. Interns will be responsible for returning a signed contract prior to their starting date and for attaining an FBI and BCI background check (approximately \$60) within the first 30 days. Interns will also be responsible for turning in a completed physical form, signed by a doctor, stating they are current on their vaccinations, fit to work with children and free of tuberculosis (form provided by Bridgeway Academy), also within the first 30 days.

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