**Music Therapy Internship**

**Location:** Bridgeway Academy is located at 1350 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 43209.

**Description of Services:** Bridgeway Academy is a 501(c)3 private therapy and education center offering collaborative services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disabilities. Services provided include music therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, behavior therapy, along with an education center offering individual and small group classrooms.

**Populations 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.

**Starting Dates:**  August and October. This is a 7 month internship. Applications for both starting dates are due January 1 of that same year.

**Internship Experience:** Interns will work with children, ages 3-21+ with a wide range of abilities, in individual and group music therapy settings. They will be exposed to a variety of techniques, including Discrete Trial Instruction, improvisation, 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, MM, 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 five music therapists who all work with interns, alongside speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, BCBAs and teachers.

**Contact Information:** Tanya Corso, MM, MT-BC can be reached via e-mail at tcorso@bridgewayohio.org. For more information and an application, please visit [www.bridgewayohio.org](http://www.bridgewayohio.org). **All applications are due January 1st.**

**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 attaining an FBI and BCI background check (approximately $60) ideally 30 days PRIOR to your start date. Interns will also be responsible for turning in a completed physical form, signed by a doctor, stating they are current on their vaccinations and fit to work with children within the first 30 days of internship.

While Bridgeway Academy does not require a COVID vaccination, interns are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to ensure a more robust internship experience that won’t be impeded by any COVID restrictions per the CDC and local health department recommendations.

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