Music Therapy Internship

Please note this internship is for music therapy students who have completed their undergraduate coursework in music therapy from an AMTA approved university program.

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

Description of Services: Bridgeway is a 501(c)3 private therapy and education center offering collaborative services for individuals with Autism, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health diagnoses. 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, Mental Health, Cerebral Palsy, Williams Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Brain Injury, and Cognitive Delays of all ages. The majority of clients are Autistic children.

Starting Dates: August and October. Due to the nature of a school schedule, 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 Trauma Informed Care, Neurodiversity-Affirming Practices, 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 and playing a song of your choice while playing guitar and piano as well as another song of our choice. 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

The facility is headed by directors Erin Nealy and Abigail David. Internship Director, Tanya Corso, MM, LPMT, 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, LPMT, MT-BC can be reached via email at tcorso@bridgewayohio.org. For more information and an application, please visit 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.

Financial responsibilities of interns:

- Interns will be responsible for attaining an FBI and BCI background check (approximately $70) ideally 30 days PRIOR to your start date BUT do NOT do this without getting the correct codes first.
- Interns will be responsible for completing a specific Work Physical form signed by a doctor. This may be done by an established doctor or at a clinic for approximately $65.

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