

The Commission on the Education and Clinical Training of 21st Century Music Therapists

The Charge from the AMTA Board of Directors to the Commission on the Education and Clinical Training of 21st Century Music Therapists is to:

- identify inconsistencies within degree programs to support clinical practice in a changing world;
- identify inconsistencies among and between National Roster and University Affiliated Internship programs;
- recommend changes to enhance current education and clinical training practices;
- support the ongoing efforts to increase state recognition of the MT-BC credential;
- and support efforts to encourage diversity and inclusion in the profession.

Emerging Themes

Overall themes indicate a need for:

- Elevating the profession and increasing professional recognition and identity
 - Recognizing specialization
- Creating a sustainable workforce and addressing financial concerns
 - Reducing student debt, including by providing paid internships
 - Paying clinical supervisors
 - Expanding pay sources and starting salaries
 - Providing funding for advocacy
- Cultivating diversity and cultural intelligence in all its forms
 - Increasing professional development and training
- Increasing support and communication from and diversity within AMTA

Overall education and clinical training themes indicate a need for:

- Transforming the music therapy education and clinical training model
 - Focusing on clinical/functional musicianship and technology
 - Including business skills and entrepreneurship
 - Supporting supervision beyond the degree program
- Increasing diversity in the profession through changes in educational policies, practices, and curriculum
- Increasing clarity of and adherence to education and clinical training program standards
- Increasing consistency in and accountability for competency outcomes
- Improving quality in education and clinical training through support and learning opportunities for faculty and supervisors

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