

Justification Toolkit

The American Music Therapy Association 2022 Annual Conference — Join Us!

AMTA looks forward to welcoming you to our 2022 Annual Conference — in-person — where we will explore **collaboration** with educational sessions, excellent educational content presented by leaders in the profession, opportunities for networking, CMTE/LCAT credit opportunities, and more. Safety and accessibility has been incorporated into the overall conference experience. AMTA looks forward to seeing the music therapy community for the first in-person national conference in two years at the 2022 Annual Conference. Let's come back together in 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida! The Opening Session begins October 20th at 7 pm with pre-conference opportunities available. The conference ends October 23, 2022.

Let us help support your request to attend this incredible professional development opportunity for any music therapist or music therapy student.

The American Music Therapy Association hosts the premier annual music therapy conference in the United States. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, and collaborate with music therapists and students from all over, focusing on such subjects as trauma, diversity and inclusion, music therapy research, special populations, and more.

We can't wait to see you!

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OCTOBER 17-23, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.MUSICTHERAPY.ORG

AMTA Offers Access to Cutting Edge Research and the Most Recent Advances in Music Therapy Practice

The keynotes, sessions, poster sessions, and more at #AMTA22 offer the opportunity to learn from experts in the music therapy profession.

Making the case for support of funding and time off to attend #AMTA22 requires a solid understanding of the benefits.

The conference is not only an opportunity for you to gain new insights and strategies, but also an opportunity to connect with music therapists and researchers from all over the world who are invested in ensuring that those who need music therapy have access to quality services.



Experience #AMTA22!

Personalized Professional Development Experience

Four days of sessions on dozens of topics are presented during the conference, Thursday through Sunday — all included in your registration fee. And if you're looking for even more education, you can sign up for Add-on Courses, which provide additional more continuing education, continuing music therapy education (CMTE) credits and even Licensed Creative Arts Therapist (LCAT) credits. Visit www.musictherapy.org to plan your conference with the latest draft schedule.

Community

The AMTA Annual Conference includes thought provoking keynotes designed to stimulate discussion and to inspire and renew your commitment to music therapy. You will have time during the conference to network with others who share your passions. Attendees build relationships that last a lifetime!

Deep-Dive Pre-Conference Workshops

Add-on Courses focus on the critical knowledge and skills you need to be successful with the clients you serve. Concurrent Sessions are chosen by peer review so topics match the needs of music therapy professionals!

WRITING A JUSTIFICATION LETTER

We're here to help you get support from your administrator to attend #AMTA22. You can customize the draft "justification letter" on the following page to make the case for your attendance. Visit the AMTA website for more information: www.musictherapy.org. Some things to remember to help you self-advocate. . .

- ⇒ Early registration is a bargain and can save money.
- ⇒ AMTA members enjoy the biggest conference discounts.
- ⇒ Identify sessions you'd like to attend. Discuss those sessions and explain their value and how they will not only support your professional development goals but enrich the knowledge you can bring back to your job after the conference ends.
- ⇒ Add-on Courses are a great way to enhance your professional development at the conference — just be aware that pre-registration is required for most and there is an extra cost, so you may need to justify the extra expense.

How Much Does it Cost?

Early	Regular	Late
(until 8/19/22)	(8/20-9/23/22)	(after 9/22/11)

Regular Professional Registration:

\$399	\$439	\$479
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AMTA Professional Member

Discounted Registration:

\$299	\$339	\$379
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Student Registration:

\$199	\$199	\$199
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AMTA Student Member Registration:

\$149	\$149	\$149
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High School Student Track

\$25	\$25	\$25
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Discount Opportunities

Register During the Week
Registration Opens and Receive a
\$40 Discount

Professional Member Bring a
Professional Non-member
Discount

One Professional AMTA member can partner with one non-member music therapist (excluding students). \$75 discount applied to Professional Registration Fee; \$75 discount applied to Non-member's Regular Registration Fee.

Discount on Multiple
Registrations from the SAME
Organization or Institution
\$60 off each professional registration when 3 or more registrants register together.

For details see
www.musictherapy.org,
click on Attend a Conference.

Sample Justification Letter

Dear <Administrator/Colleague>,

At the American Music Therapy Association's 2022 Annual Conference, professionals from around the world will come together to enhance professional skills, knowledge, and careers. I would like to attend this event on October 20–23, 2022 to learn best practices, increase my ability to incorporate latest in music therapy practice into my current service delivery, update my knowledge of standards and research in the music therapy profession, and participate in an array of opportunities that will enhance my skills to provide high-quality, inclusive services for each and every client we serve.

By attending the conference, I will gain valuable knowledge that I will be able to implement as soon as I get back to work. I'll also be able to select sessions that best inform and support my work while making connections with and learning from the experiences of professionals in music therapy who serve clients like ours throughout the world.

AMTA's 2022 Conference provides opportunities for me to:

- Attend sessions focused on the critical knowledge and skills that I need to help the clients I serve to be successful as I support our program to offer quality services.
- Connect with other professionals serving our client base and their families, professionals with whom I can exchange ideas, skills, resources, and practices.

To meet my professional development goals, I am seeking approval for the following expenses for attendance at this conference. The detailed cost breakdown is listed below.

< Insert your expense estimate numbers here >

Conference Registration: < >

Travel Expenses: < >

Any Related Additional Expenses: < >

Total estimated conference cost: <Insert total cost here>

This is the first in-person conference since 2019, so the opportunities for making connections, networking, and learning from others in attendance are increased many-fold. Since the majority of this conference falls over a weekend, I'll be able to attend with a minimum disruption to my work schedule. My participation in this conference will complement our program's objective of continual professional development, and I plan to return with resources to share with the rest of our staff.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

