

Music Therapy Professional Licensure Boards State by State (Updated 12/2025)

State	Region	Details	Agency Name	Website URL	General Agency Email	Phone	Fax	Address
Alabama	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Alaska	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Arizona	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Arkansas	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
California	WICHE	Music therapy title protection was established in 2019. After July 31, 2019, an individual who provides music therapy shall not refer to oneself using the title of "Board Certified Music Therapist" unless the individual is an MT-BC.						
Colorado	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Connecticut	NEBHE	Music therapy title protection in Connecticut was transformed to a music therapy license in June of 2023. Governor Ned Lamont signed into law HB 6733, which included language to create a music therapy license overseen by the Department of Public Health. Music therapy title protection was initially established in 2016. After October 2016, music therapy services can only be provided by those who hold the MT-BC credential, and only an MT-BC can call themselves a music therapist or a Certified Music Therapist. Application procedures for licensure can be found on their website.	Connecticut Department of Public Health	https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing-investigations/music-therapist?language=en_US	oplc.dph@ct.gov (Preferred) dph.counselorsteam@ct.gov	(860) 509-7603	(860) 707-1984	410 Capitol Ave., MS #12 APP P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134
Delaware	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
District of Columbia	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Florida	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Georgia	SREB	A music therapy license was established in 2012. Music therapists are required to be licensed in the state of Georgia. Visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website for more information and an application. Contact info@cblmt.org to have verification of your MT-BC certification electronically sent to the Georgia Professional Licensing Board.	Georgia Board of Music Therapy	https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-music-therapy	https://sos.ga.gov/form/contact-office-secretary-state-licensing-division	(404) 424-9966		3920 Arkwright Rd. Suite 195 Macon, GA 31210
Hawaii	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Idaho	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Illinois	MHEC	A music therapy license was established in 2022. On Friday, May 27, 2022, Governor J. B. Pritzker signed into law SB 2243. This bill establishes a music therapy license within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and a Music Therapy Advisory Board to assist the Department in matters concerning the license. Application procedures for licensure are currently being developed and will be posted when complete.	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/music-therapist.html	FPR.ITA@illinois.gov	312-814-6910 (888) 473-4858		555 West Monroe Street, 5th Floor Chicago, IL 60661
Indiana	MHEC	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Iowa	MHEC	Music therapy title protection was established in 2021. On May 20, 2021, Governor Kim Reynolds of Iowa signed into law HF 285, legislation that established title protection for music therapists. Individuals may not refer to themselves as a music therapist, a board-certified music therapist, or an MT-BC without holding the MT-BC credential.						
Kansas	MHEC	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Kentucky	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Louisiana	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Maine	NEBHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Maryland	SREB	A music therapy license was established in 2021. Maryland SB 82 was enacted into law on June 2, 2021. This bill establishes a music therapy license overseen by the newly expanded Board of Audiologists, Hearing-Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists. Procedures for applying for licensure are available on their website.	Maryland Department of Health Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists & Music Therapists	https://health.maryland.gov/boardsahs/Pages/licensing.aspx	https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/contactus.aspx	410-764-4725 410-764-3767	410-358-0273	4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD. 21215-2299
Massachusetts	NEBHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Michigan	MHEC	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Minnesota	MHEC	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Mississippi	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Missouri	MHEC	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Montana	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Nebraska	MHEC	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Nevada	WICHE	A music therapy license was established in 2011. According to the Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance, music therapists must be licensed. Obtain an application from their website.	Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Music Therapists Licensing Unit	https://www.dphb.nv.gov/regulatory/hcqc/occupational-licensing/music-therapist-licensing/	individuallicensing@health.nv.gov.	(775) 684-1030	(775) 684-1073	727 Fairview Drive, Suite E, Carson City, NV 89701
New Hampshire	NEBHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
New Jersey	NEBHE	A music therapy license was established in 2020. The Music Therapist Licensing Act was signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy on January 21, 2020, requiring licensure for music therapists to practice in New Jersey. Application procedures for licensure are currently being developed and will be posted when complete.						
New Mexico	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
New York	NEBHE	Music therapy is not licensed in NYS at this time, but music therapists with a master's or higher degree in creative arts therapy or music therapy from a program registered by the NYS Education Department or determined by the department to be the substantial equivalence thereof are eligible to apply for the LCAT (Licensed Creative Arts Therapist). To practice Creative Arts Therapy and use the titles Creative Arts Therapist, Licensed Creative Arts Therapist, or any derivative thereof within New York State, a license as a Creative Arts Therapist must be obtained unless otherwise exempt under the law. Visit their website for an application. To apply for the music therapy board examination option for NY State Licensure or to have your examination scores mailed to the NY State Education Department of the Professions, contact CBMT at info@cblmt.org or by telephone at 800.765.2268.	New York State Education Department Office of the Professions	https://www.op.nysed.gov/creative-arts-therapists	https://eservices.nysed.gov/professions/contact-us/	518-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 570 (voice)	518-474-1449	89 Washington Avenue Albany, New York 12234-1000
North Carolina	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
North Dakota	MHEC	A music therapy license was established in 2011. The bill to license music therapists was enacted on April 26, 2011, under the State Board of Integrative Health Care. Music Therapists are required to be licensed. Obtain an application from their website.	North Dakota Board of Integrative Health Care	https://www.ndbihc.org/	ndbihc@gmail.com			
Ohio	MHEC	On Tuesday, July 4, 2023, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed into law HB33, which includes language that creates a music therapy license under the State's Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. Application procedures for licensure are being developed and will be posted when complete.						
Oklahoma	SREB	A music therapy license was established in 2016. As of November 2016, music therapy licensure is managed under the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. An application is available on their website.	Oklahoma Medical Board - Oklahoma Music Therapists	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/music_therapists#forms-resources	licensing@okmedicalboard.org	405-962-1400		101 N.E. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, OK
Oregon	WICHE	A music therapy license was established in 2015. Music therapy licensure in Oregon is managed through the Health Licensing Office. More information is available on their website , including the application .	Oregon Health Authority	www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/hlo	hlo.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov.	(503) 378-8667		1430 Tandem Ave. NE, Suite 180, Salem, OR 97301-2192

Pennsylvania	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Puerto Rico	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Rhode Island	NEBHE	A music therapy registry was established in 2014 and is managed by the Department of Health. Obtain an application.	Rhode Island Department of Health - Board of Music Therapy	https://health.ri.gov/licensing	doh.elicense@health.ri.gov	(401) 222-2828	(401) 222-1272	3 Capitol Hill, Room 104, Providence, RI 02908-5097
South Carolina	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
South Dakota	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Tennessee	SREB	A music therapy certificate was signed into law on May 28, 2024. Similar to a license, the Certified Professional Music Therapist (CPMT) provides title and scope of practice protection for music therapy and will serve to increase consumer access to safe and competent music therapy services. Application procedures are being developed and will be posted here when available.						
Texas	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Utah	WICHE	Music therapy state certification was established in 2014. It is managed by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Obtain an application.	State of Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	https://commerce.utah.gov/dopl/music-therapy/	b8@utah.gov	801) 530-6628	(801) 530-6511	160 East 300 South • P.O. Box 146741, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6741
Vermont	NEBHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Virgin Islands	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Virginia	SREB	A music therapy license was established in 2020. On March 3, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam signed HB1562 into law, establishing a music therapy license. This license must be obtained to call oneself a music therapist and practice music therapy in Virginia. Application procedures are being developed and will be posted here when available.	Virginia Department of Health Profession - Board of Social Work	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/SocialWork/ApplicantResources/MusicTherapist/	socialwork@dhp.virginia.gov	804-367-4441	804-977-9915	9960 Maryland Dr. Suite 300 Henrico, CA 23233-1463
Washington	WICHE	A music therapy license was established in 2023. On April 25, 2023, Governor Jay Inslee signed into law SHP 1247. This bill creates a music therapy license within the Department of Health and establishes a Music Therapy Advisory Committee to assist the Department in matters concerning the license. Application procedures will be posted here when they become available.	Washington State Department of Health Music Therapist Credentialing Office	https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/music-therapist/licensing-information	doh.information@doh.wa.gov hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov	360-236-4700	360-236-4818	111 Israel Rd. S.E. Tumwater, WA 98501
West Virginia	SREB	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						
Wisconsin	MHEC	Music Therapists may register with the Wisconsin Department of Regulations and Licensing to be listed on the Wisconsin Music Therapy Registry. This registration is voluntary; however, it may be required by some employers and for some reimbursements. Obtain an application.	State of Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services	https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Home.aspx	dsps@wisconsin.gov	(608) 266-2112		4822 Madison Yards Way Madison, WI 53705
Wyoming	WICHE	This state does not require a state license or certification to practice music therapy in this state.						