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CREATIVE  
MUSIC THERAPY



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# CREATIVE MUSIC THERAPY

DEVELOP A DEEP AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MUSIC AND HOW TO USE IT THERAPEUTICALLY.

The Master of Creative Music Therapy at Western Sydney University is delivered in collaboration with Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Australia on the University's Penrith campus at Kingswood.

You will be a part of intensive musical, therapeutic and academic studies with an emphasis on clinical musicianship and supervised clinical work. The course takes a 'hands-on' approach with work at the Nordoff-Robbins Centre and in external music therapy practicum placements, under the professional supervision of Registered Music Therapists. As you develop

your deep awareness and understanding of music you will learn how to use it therapeutically through improvising, composing and arranging, to meet the needs of individuals and groups.

## WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The course includes study of the history and professional development of music therapy and the various methodologies and theoretical constructs behind clinical work being carried out in more than 40 countries. The focus is on a deep, formal understanding of clinical and human issues that confront clinicians working in the community, as well as ethical and professional responsibilities.

You'll work closely with leading academics and researchers, and be exposed to the

learnings of institutes such as the University's leading MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour and Development.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Creative Music Therapists are highly proficient musicians with a practical knowledge of music styles and techniques. In this role, your understanding of the human condition, including disability and medical conditions, will equip you to build empathy with people as you open up channels of communication through music. Registered music therapists in Australia practise in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centres, schools, nursing homes and community programs. They are responsible for designing, implementing and evaluating specific treatment programs for clients. Many also work in multidisciplinary teams.

## MASTER OF CREATIVE MUSIC THERAPY

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Duration	2F
Location	Penrith
Intakes	February
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any relevant discipline AND must attend an audition.  You will be selected on an interview/audition in which personal aptitude and professional experience are taken into consideration. At your audition you will be asked to: a) play two contrasting pieces on your first instrument, or if you are a vocalist, sing two contrasting pieces b) play a piece on your second instrument c) sight read a melody (instrumental and vocal) d) harmonise a melody on the piano or other western polyphonic instrument e) improvise three simple variations on the piano or other western polyphonic instrument, on a given theme f) perform a free improvisation based on a given subject/theme, on the piano or an instrument of your choice. The improvisation should preferably be atonal. NB: The piano must be included in a) or b).  Applicants who are unable to attend the audition in person will undertake a remote audio-visual audition (see b), c), d), e), and f) above). Prior to the remote audition, these applicants should submit a DVD demonstrating musical proficiency (see a) above) – play two contrasting pieces on your first instrument, or if you are a vocalist, sing two contrasting pieces, and an essay of 1,500 words, describing your knowledge of Creative Music Therapy and why you wish to study it. The essay should include at least four references and use APA format.
Accreditation	The Master of Creative Music Therapy is accredited with the Australian Music Therapy Association Inc (AMTA). As a graduate you are eligible to apply for registration with the AMTA, which qualifies you to practise professionally as a Registered Music Therapist (RMT).

**Key:** F = Full-time.

# WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY?

You've come a long way. Go further.

Located in the heart of one of Australia's fastest growing economic regions, Western Sydney University offers unlimited potential to postgraduate students with the drive, ambition and will to succeed.

Ranked amongst the top three per cent of universities on the globe, Western Sydney is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

To take your career to the next level, you need more than classrooms, more than theory.

That's why we offer a combination of on-campus, online and clinical learning environments, with real-life, on-the-ground, hands-on opportunities for skill development in professional and community settings. We value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge.

And we continue to challenge traditional notions of what a university 'should' be by pushing the boundaries of how knowledge is exchanged.

We equip our postgrads with the means to do more than just advance their careers. We are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

**PROGRESS. UNLIMITED.**

## Application Information

### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the Universities Admissions Centre website (UAC) at [uac.edu.au](http://uac.edu.au)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) – to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University. International candidates need a recognised relevant overseas Bachelor degree and to understand English to a high level (minimum IELTS score of 6.5).

### RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Master of Creative Music Therapy units have a professional focus and advanced standing will not be given for previous study. Requests for exceptions to this will be considered by the Course Advisor. Graduates of other institutions can apply for credit for individual units according to the University's Policy and Procedures on advanced standing and Recognition of Prior Learning.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications for this course must be made online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at [uac.edu.au/postgraduate](http://uac.edu.au/postgraduate) or apply direct to Western Sydney at <https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at [myfuture.westernsydney.edu.au](http://myfuture.westernsydney.edu.au)

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#### Master of Creative Therapy

International students need to apply directly to the University. Application forms and information on admission are available at [westernsydney.edu.au/international/admissions](http://westernsydney.edu.au/international/admissions)

For information about studying at Western Sydney University, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit [westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate](http://westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate)

### POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Postgraduate Information Sessions are held throughout the year, and give you the opportunity to meet academic and professional staff, and to ask questions about courses, admission, fees and more. At these sessions, you will gain a better understanding of course content, what you can expect from the program and possible career paths. To register for a Postgraduate Information Session, visit [westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate/sessions](http://westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate/sessions)

To view the full range of postgraduate courses available visit [westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate](http://westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate)

### CONTACT US

To discuss your study goals and career options, contact the Course Information Centre on **1300 897 669** or email [postgraduatestudy@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:postgraduatestudy@westernsydney.edu.au)

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