

2016 MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM: COURSE & ENROLMENT INFORMATION



Music Therapy is the planned use of music-based interventions to assist clients in achieving non-musical therapeutic goals. It is an allied health profession, and can be effective for clients with a range of needs - social, emotional, motor, sensory and cognitive.

The New England Conservatorium’s Music Therapy Program, established in 2011, is the only one of its kind in the New England area. It provides individual and group music therapy sessions for children and adults with a range of needs, in addition to programs with partners PEDAL and Armidale High School Support Unit.

NECOM’s Music Therapy Program is delivered by Music Therapist, Hannah Rowland M RMT, MMusThy, BMus (Qld). Hannah presents individual and group music therapy programs for children and adults with disability, brain injury, age related diseases, early childhood music programs and early intervention programs. She also includes residential aged care work – the planned, implemented and evaluated individual and group music therapy programs for older adults with dementia and other age-related diseases; and working with children on the Autism Spectrum to improve communication, social skills, gross and fine motor skills and sensory integration.

Music therapy programs can be offered depending on the needs of the client either:

- Individual sessions – 30 or 45 minutes
- Group Sessions – for clients or group work with family or developing relationships with others – 45 minutes

All clients are provided with:

- An initial assessment that will include a report and an individually designed music therapy program
- 9-week block of sessions during each term (4 school terms each year) on Wednesday OR Thursday
- Evaluation – an evaluation of whether goals have been met and any recommendations for future input

2016 Music Therapy Program Fees – Term 3 onwards	Fee	Payment Options
Private individual consultation and assessment (1 hour)	\$125	Standard
Individual 9-week block of Sessions (30 minutes each week)	\$470	Early Bird Discount
	\$480	Standard
	\$515	Late Payment Fee
Individual 9-week block of Sessions (45 minutes each week)	\$700	Early Bird Discount
	\$710	Standard
	\$745	Late Payment Fee
Group 9-week block of Sessions (45 minutes each week)	\$380	Early Bird Discount
	\$390	Standard
	\$425	Late Payment Fee

2016 MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM Term Dates

Term 1:	Term 2:	Term 3:	Term 4:
1/2/2016– 8/4/2016	26/4/2016 – 01/7/2016	18/7/2016 – 23/9/2016	10/10/2016 – 16/12/2016

2016 MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM: ENROLMENT INFORMATION

This is an important summary of our Enrolment Policy. Please read carefully BEFORE enrolling and file for future reference.

Enrolment

- Your initial enrolment for 2016 MUST be made on the Enrolment Form and include payment. Invoices for ongoing enrolment in the following terms will be emailed automatically.
- To enrol, please read the enrolment requirements and conditions carefully; complete Steps 1-4 of the enrolment form and return to the NECOM office by the due date with payment.

2016 Fees

Individual Sessions	Fee	Payment Options	Group Sessions	Fee	Payment Options
Initial consultation/assessment (1 hr)	\$125	Upfront payment	Group Session (45 minutes)	\$380	Early Bird Discount
Individual Session (30 minutes)	\$470	Early Bird Discount		\$390	Standard
	\$480	Standard		\$425	Late Payment Fee
	\$515	Late Payment Fee	NB: Check Enrolment Policy below		
			for Missed and Make-up Sessions		
Individual Session (45 minutes)	\$700	Early Bird Discount			
	\$710	Standard			
	\$745	Late Payment Fee			

Fee Payment Options

NECOM provides 4 options for the payment of the program fee:

- o Early Bird Discount of \$10 Pay by the Friday before term sessions start and receive a \$10 discount
- o Standard fee Pay by Friday of Week 3 in each term
- o Late Payment fee of \$35 Standard Payment deadline missed incurs an additional late penalty of \$35
- o Instalment Payment Contact the NECOM office to arrange an instalment payment plan

Deadlines for Fee Payment Options 2016				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Early Bird Discount	Fri 29/1	Fri 22/4	Fri 15/7	Fri 7/10
Standard Fee	Fri 19/2	Fri 13/5	Fri 05/8	Fri 28/10
Late Payment Fee	After Wk 3 Standard Fee deadline passes			

Enrolment Terms & Conditions

1. Sessions Attendance Policy

- Programs are designed for a full 9-week block of sessions. Partial attendance is not an option.
- Enrolment will be accepted only on condition of a commitment to attend the full block of 9 weeks.
- All clients must be accompanied by a support worker, carer or a family member to comply with OHS requirements.

2. Individual Sessions - Missed and Make-up Sessions Policy

- A minimum of 48 hours' notice must be given to the Music Therapist if the client cannot attend an individual session. The Music Therapist will offer an alternative time (to be negotiated).
- A session missed with less than 48 hours' notice, or without notice, is not eligible for a refund or credit. Under exceptional circumstances, a replacement session might be given but only at the discretion of the Music Therapist.

3. Group Sessions - Missed and Make-up Sessions Policy

- Any absence from a Group Session by a client will not be made up.
- The only circumstance where a group session will be made up is where the session has been cancelled because the Music Therapist, staff members or support workers have not been available to support the session.

4. Withdrawal

- Notification of intention to withdraw must be made in writing (mail or email admin@necom.org.au) to NECOM administration at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of each block of sessions.
- Where written notice of withdrawal is made after the term commences, the full term fee will be payable.
- A telephone call, text or conversation with the therapist, or failure to attend a session with the intention of withdrawing does not constitute a written notification of withdrawal and fees will remain payable for the block.
- In exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious prolonged illness or accident with a doctor's certificate), a request for credit or a refund must be made in writing by post or email (admin@necom.org.au) to NECOM.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved.