



Music Therapy State Recognition: National Overview

The American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) and the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) collaborate to achieve official state recognition of the music therapy profession and the MT-BC credential required for safe and competent practice.

California	Title protection est. in 2019. Practitioners must hold the MT-BC credential.
Connecticut	Licensure est. in 2023. Managed by the Department of Public Health. https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Music-Therapit/Licensing-Requirements
Georgia	License est. in 2012. Managed by the Secretary of State through an Advisory Council. https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-music-therapy
Illinois	License est. in 2022. Managed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation through a Music Therapy Advisory Board. https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/music-therapist.html
Iowa	Title protection est. in 2021. Practitioners must hold the MT-BC credential.
Maryland	License est. in 2021. Managed by the State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language-Pathologists, and Music Therapists. https://health.maryland.gov/boardsahs/Pages/licensing.aspx
Nevada	License est. in 2011. Managed by the State Board of Health using a Music Therapy Advisory Group. https://dphh.nv.gov/Reg/MusicTherapist/MusicTherapists_-_Home/
New Jersey	License est. in 2020. Managed by the State Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies.
North Dakota	License est. in 2011. Managed by the Board of Integrative Health. https://www.ndbihc.org/
Ohio	License est. in 2023. Overseen by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board through a Music Therapist Professional Standards Committee. https://cswmft.ohio.gov/get-licensed/music-therapists
Oklahoma	License est. in 2016. Overseen by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision through a Music Therapy Committee. https://www.okmedicalboard.org/music_therapists
Oregon	License est. in 2015. Managed by the Health Licensing Office. http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Music-Therapy-Program.aspx
Rhode Island	Registry est. in 2015. Managed by the Department of Health. http://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=287
Tennessee	State Certification est. in 2024. Overseen by the Board of Examiners in Psychology through a Music Therapy Advisory Committee.
Utah	State certification est. in 2014. Managed by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. https://dopl.utah.gov/music/
Virginia	License est. in 2020. Overseen by the Board of Social Work through an Advisory Board on Music Therapy.
Washington	License est. in 2023. Managed by the Department of Health through a Music Therapy Advisory Committee. https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/music-therapist/licensing-information
Wisconsin	Registry est. in 1998. https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/MusicTherapist/Default.aspx