



INTERNSHIP APPLICATION & INFORMATION

Heartsparks Music Therapy is a private music therapy practice located in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We serve a variety of local organizations, do home visits, as well as see clients at our downtown Dartmouth studio. We are a dynamic and passionate team who strive to create healthier and more joyful lives through music.

Contact Information

Anna Plaskett, MTA
anna@heartsparks.ca
902-209-5502

Populations

Children, teens, and adults with developmental disabilities (including cerebral palsy, autism, Down's syndrome), Youth-at-Risk, Seniors (long term care).

Time Commitment

7-12 months (full time or part time hours available). Start date is flexible, but usually September or January.

Clinical Requirements

- Ability to play basic chord progressions on guitar and piano and accompany a song.
- Ability to play basic chord progressions on guitar and piano while singing, and leading a group.
- Ability to sing in tune, with a pleasing tone.
- Ability to improvise on guitar, piano, voice and percussion instruments.
- Ability to transpose songs to meet client's vocal range.
- Ability to assess, observe and document music therapy sessions.
- Strong writing skills.
- General knowledge of health care terms and diagnosis.
- Ability to follow policies and procedures.
- Punctuality and reliability.
- Strong organization and time management skills.
- Demonstrate respect for others, in response to a variety of circumstances.
- Ability to present oneself in a professional manner, in person and via email.

Equipment Required

The Intern will need their own guitar, with a strap and capo. If piano is their primary instrument, they should have their own portable keyboard. The intern will have access to a supply of various percussion instruments. However, it is recommended that they begin building their own collection of instruments as well. The Heartsparks Studio is equipped with a Soundbeam 2. A car is an asset and interns with a car will have the opportunity to work with more varied clients and sites.

Learning Contract

A learning contract will be completed prior to starting the internship, which will outline expectations for the internship.

Evaluation

The CAMT Intern Evaluation Form will be completed midterm and end of the internship. Ongoing informal evaluation (by self and by supervisor) will take place throughout the internship.

Fees

There is no fee for the internship.

Insurance

The Intern is required to purchase their own Professional Liability insurance.

Certifications

The intern is required to have current First Aid & CPR certification. Non-violent crisis intervention is also an asset.

Background Checks

A Criminal Record-Vulnerable Sector and Child Abuse Registry check is required prior to starting the internship. You can access the criminal record/vulnerable sector check at www.mybackcheck.com and the Child Abuse Registry Form at https://novascotia.ca/coms/families/abuse/documents/CAR-4001_Request_for_Search_Form_A.pdf

Application Procedures

Please submit the following via EMAIL:

- A cover letter
- A resume outlining education, practicum experience, non-music therapy related work and volunteer experience.
- 2 letters of reference from individuals who have observed your work as a student music therapist and who can speak to your professional, musical, and clinical skills.
- An audio or video recording of singing and accompanying yourself on the guitar or piano.

Live and skype interviews/auditions are available.