

## Associate in Music Composition

### Specialization in Faith-Based Music Therapy

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 75 hours (including 15 minor credit hours)

#### Program Description

The Associate in Music Composition program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Music Therapy prepares students to express healing, hope, and ministry through musical creation and therapeutic engagement. This faith-integrated program blends classical composition and contemporary music theory with the spiritual, emotional, and psychological aspects of music therapy.

Students will learn foundational skills in composing for different genres, therapeutic sound techniques, and delivering music-based care in faith-based or community settings. Emphasis is placed on music as a spiritual and emotional connector for healing and wholeness.

Graduates may serve in churches, outreach programs, care centers, or pursue bachelor's-level study in music therapy, sacred music, or pastoral counseling.

#### General Education Courses (15 Credit Hours)

| Course Code | Course Name                | Credit Hours |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| GEN 101     | English Composition I      | 3            |
| GEN 102     | English Composition II     | 3            |
| GEN 103     | College Algebra            | 3            |
| GEN 104     | Introduction to Psychology | 3            |
| GEN 105     | Introduction to Sociology  | 3            |

#### Core Music Composition Courses (30 Credit Hours)

| Course Code | Course Name                 | Credit Hours |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| MUS 201     | Foundations of Music Theory | 3            |
| MUS 202     | Composition Techniques I    | 3            |

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| MUS 203 | Music Notation and Arrangement              | 3 |
| MUS 204 | Harmony and Chord Progressions              | 3 |
| MUS 205 | Songwriting for Worship and Ministry        | 3 |
| MUS 206 | Music Production and Digital Tools          | 3 |
| MUS 207 | History of Church and Healing Music         | 3 |
| MUS 208 | Advanced Composition Lab                    | 3 |
| MUS 209 | Collaborative Projects in Faith-Based Music | 3 |
| MUS 210 | Composition Capstone                        | 3 |

#### **Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)**

| Course Code | Course Name                            | Credit Hours |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| MUS 301     | Music in Trauma and Recovery Settings  | 3            |
| MUS 302     | Creative Arts and Worship Integration  | 3            |
| MUS 303     | Intro to Music Therapy Practices       | 3            |
| MUS 304     | Cross-Cultural Healing Music           | 3            |
| MUS 305     | Technology and Media in Music Ministry | 3            |

#### **Minor in Faith-Based Music Therapy (15 Credit Hours)**

| Course Code | Course Name                   | Credit Hours |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| FMT 401     | Theology of Healing and Sound | 3            |

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| FMT 402 | Music as a Pastoral and Emotional Care Tool              | 3 |
| FMT 403 | Therapeutic Music Ministry Models                        | 3 |
| FMT 404 | Clinical and Community Applications of Music in Ministry | 3 |
| FMT 405 | Designing Music Therapy Outreach Programs                | 3 |

### Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Music Therapy empowers students to design an original music therapy outreach or worship program rooted in both composition and healing. Projects may include:

- Producing an album for emotional and spiritual restoration.
- Creating therapeutic worship sessions for hospital or prison ministry.
- Designing a music curriculum for use in trauma-informed youth ministry.

### Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Demonstrate music composition and production techniques.
- Integrate music theory and healing arts in Christian contexts.
- Design and implement faith-based music therapy initiatives.
- Use music as a tool for outreach, ministry, and emotional well-being.
- Pursue careers or continued education in music therapy, worship arts, or counseling.

### Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

| Career Path                             | Average Salary (Annual) |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Music Therapist Assistant (Faith-Based) | \$42,000 - \$56,000     |
| Worship and Healing Arts Coordinator    | \$44,000 - \$60,000     |
| Community Arts and Therapy Facilitator  | \$45,000 - \$62,000     |
| Music Ministry Leader                   | \$40,000 - \$58,000     |

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| Pastoral Music Program Director | \$46,000 - \$63,000 |
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