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Resounding Joy
2027-2028 Internship Program
Application Overview and Checklist

Job Title: Music Therapy Intern
Reports to: Music Therapy Intern Supervisor
Location: San Diego, California
Duration: September 2027 – February 2028
Weekly Hours: 40 hours per week (1,020 hours)
Compensation: $1,000/month stipend

Resounding Joy Internship
Resounding Joy offers a dynamic and well-rounded internship experience for music therapy students seeking diverse clinical training in a nonprofit setting. Interns work alongside board-certified music therapists to support clients across the lifespan — including children, older adults, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and patients in medical or end-of-life care.

Internship Overview
Resounding Joy's internship emphasizes clinical flexibility, cultural responsiveness, and the use of evidence-based practices in both individual and group settings. Interns will gain experience in a variety of community-based environments, develop strong assessment and documentation skills, and contribute meaningfully to our mission of providing accessible, impactful music therapy to underserved populations.

The is a full-time commitment of 35–40 hours per week, totaling between **1,020 hours over a six-month period**, in accordance with AMTA requirements. Interns will be assigned a **primary supervisor** for the duration of the internship, while also having the opportunity to learn from and be mentored by multiple board-certified music therapists on staff. Approximately **25 - 50% of the intern's time** will be spent in clinical settings—beginning with observation and shadowing, then progressing to co-leading and ultimately leading sessions independently, based on readiness. The remaining time will focus on administrative and professional development activities, including data entry and analysis, research, outreach calls, event support, case studies, special projects, staff trainings and in-services, team meetings, and internal presentations.

Eligibility and Competency
To be eligible for Resounding Joy's internship, applicants must have completed (or be in the final stages of completing) coursework and clinical training aligned with AMTA competencies in the following areas:

- **Musical Foundations**
  Functional proficiency in voice, piano, guitar, percussion, improvisation, and music theory for therapeutic use.
- **Clinical Foundations**
  Understanding of human development, psychological principles, and music therapy models and methods.
- **Music Therapy Principles and Practice**
  Experience in assessment, treatment planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation across diverse populations.
- **Pre-Internship Clinical Training**
  A minimum of 180 supervised clinical hours with at least three different client populations.

Application Requirements

1. Cover Letter (pdf)
2. Music Therapy Resume (pdf)
3. Letters of Recommendation (pdf)
    a. Required: Academic Program Director, one Professor
    b. Optional: Practicum Supervisor, other employer
4. Video: short (2 – 4 minute) video demonstrating musical skills including two songs, one accompanied with guitar and one with piano.

Application Link

Requirements Upon Confirmation

- Resounding Joy will provide
    - Background check
    - Drug screening (if required by client facilities)
    - Professional Liability Insurance
    - Instruments for use during sessions (intern may prefer to bring personal guitar)
    - Books/reference materials
    - Resounding Joy t-shirts to wear during sessions and outreach
- Intern will be required to have
    - Medical insurance
    - Car insurance
    - Laptop or other personal device