

**COURSE OUTLINE**  
**MUSC-224**  
**Music Therapy Practicum I**  
**1 Semester Hour**

**HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Description**

This two semester course sequence of MUSC 224 and MUSC-225 Music Therapy Practicum II provides exposure to the clinical practice of music therapy through on-site visits with board-certified music therapists working in various settings both on and off campus. To obtain vital “hands on” experience, students will participate in weekly clinical experiences. Written assignments and classroom discussions will allow the students to gain clarity and insight into the practical experience of being a music therapist. Students will append their Music Therapy Professional Portfolios with practical techniques gained during clinical visits. Prerequisites: MUSC-161 and MUSC-162. (3 hours weekly.)

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe observed, professional music therapy sessions.
2. Recognize music therapy competencies used during real music therapy sessions.
3. Analyze observations as to music selections, goals and objectives and evaluation.
4. Compare and contrast techniques used in observed music therapy sessions.
5. Design music therapy sessions for a target population.

**Major Topics**

- I. Research and evaluation of target population
- II. Music Therapy Competencies
- III. Development of therapeutic activities
- IV. Observation techniques
- V. Documentation of observations
- VI. Seminar discussions

**Course Requirements**

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

Final grades will be based upon assignments and class participation

**Other Course Information**

This course is an Arts & Sciences, Fine Arts, Humanities, and Music elective.