



Music Therapist Job Announcement

ChiME

The Chicago Center for Music Education (ChiME) provides access to evidence-based therapy and engagement-based music programs that develop critical skills and foster self and social growth. Our facility is located in the West Town neighborhood and our programs are also delivered at 19 partner organizations, 13 of which are Chicago Public Schools. We serve approximately 3,000 children per year and employ 25 staff members.

As community arts educators and therapists, we prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion as a crucial part of our work to ensure that our programming:

- helps all children experience interactions that nurture their full range of social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and linguistic abilities;
- presents a curriculum and programming that is bias-free and reflects and models fundamental principles of fairness and justice;
- is delivered by teaching artists and therapists who are skilled in the delivery of culturally responsive pedagogy and who value all children for who they are and what they bring to our community of learners.

Programs

Classroom Music Therapeutic Model (CMTM)

Setting: Group music in private schools, public schools, and other organizations. Groups can be anywhere between 2 and 20 students.

Participants: Ages 0 -21, both typically functioning and with a wide range of disabilities.

Description: ChiME has identified and works to fill a large gap in available programming for schools and organizations with large populations of children with disabilities— successful group music experiences. Using our unique CMTM formula, ChiME’s board-certified music therapists use their therapeutic knowledge and expertise to serve 10 partner schools and organizations, bringing successful group music experiences to almost 800 children who would not otherwise have access. Groups typically meet weekly and are 30-45 minutes in length. Participants most often consist of similar-aged peers. Music therapy strategies and expertise are utilized to make sure every student is successful to the best of their ability. Age-appropriate and diverse music used to facilitate musical and nonmusical learning while focusing on active music-making in a community setting.

Buddy Band

Setting: Group music at West Town and partner locations, currently hybrid and in-person models.

Participants: Past sessions of Buddy Band have been for participants ages 4 to 14 years of age, grouped with similar-aged peers. Approximately 50% of participants have disabilities or diagnoses and 50% are typically developing individuals.

Description: Buddy Band is an inclusive ensemble available to participants with and without diagnoses, disabilities, and/or delays. Each group is led by two professionals, one of whom is a board-certified music therapist. This co-leadership, combined with consistently small group time,

allows for deeper social- and relationship-building skill work, as well as a true sense of community. Each Buddy Band program ends with a final performance—either virtual or in-person. Buddy Band has been offered as an after-school program and as in-school curriculum at partners.

Music Therapy and Music Therapy Instrument Lessons

Setting: Individual sessions at our West Town facility or over virtual platforms.

Clients: ChiME's typical client age is between 5 and 10, however we are available for clients ages 0 – adult. Our client base has a wide range of disabilities and diagnoses.

Description: Music Therapy – Music Therapy is typically implemented through weekly sessions between client and a board-certified music therapist. Musical activities are used as tools to work on nonmusical goals. Sessions are typically 30 or 45 minutes. Progress reports on goals are written by the therapist every 9 weeks to be shared with family and/or relevant professionals.

Description: Music Therapy Instrument Lessons – These adapted lessons target one instrument (piano, guitar, voice, drums, etc.) but are designed for diverse learners who may not be as successful in a traditional lesson. Music therapists use their knowledge to tailor lessons and activities to each student. Musical and nonmusical goals are targeted. Sessions are typically 30 or 45 minutes. Progress reports on goals are written every 9 weeks to be shared with family and/or relevant professionals.

Role in Programs

We seek a board-certified music therapist who is interested in fostering growth of musical and non-musical skills in children within the framework of ChiME's mission, values, and programs. ChiME seeks a music therapist who is interested in and values the impact of our CMTM programming and our inclusive after-school program, Buddy Band. This position will be heavily involved in CMTM— working with blended and cluster classrooms in the PreK to 8th grade range in partner schools Monday through Friday, approximately 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. At least one teaching day will be co-teaching/training with the Program Director. Buddy Band groups typically run in the 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm timeframe throughout the week. The potential to grow a music therapy client base also exists in this position, and experience in individual sessions and adapted lessons is preferred. This is a full-time position with potential benefits, as well as the potential for administrative growth. This position requires travel to partner locations across the city. We are looking to hire immediately for onboarding, training, and programmatic work over the summer season.

We seek candidates:

- who are board-certified by the CBMT.
- with prior experience working with groups of preschool, elementary, and/or high school students, preferably in a classroom setting.
- who have experience leading large groups, whether in the classroom, therapeutic setting, or otherwise.
- with prior experience with individual music therapy sessions.
- with the ability to carry out assessments, collect, organize, and interpret data, write student goals, prepare progress reports, and collaborate with other teaching artists and therapists.
- with musical talents, including some vocal and instrumental (guitar/ukulele, piano, percussion).
- who possess the energy, enthusiasm, and ability to engage and connect with younger and older students alike.
- who value all children for who they are and what they bring to our community of learners.
- who are responsible, accountable, and reliable, strive for mutual victories, and who seek to understand others.

Compensation

Compensation for this position is in the \$50,000 - \$55,000 range. ChiME provides benefits for full-time employees including the following:

- Paid holidays –Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving break and Winter Break (December 24 through January 2)
- 17 days per year of paid time off
- Medical Insurance - effective first of month following first month of employment; Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO or HMO; ChiME pays 60% of employee, spouse and dependents
- Long-term disability insurance paid by ChiME
- Life-insurance insurance policy of \$25,000 paid by ChiME
- Health, transit, and parking pre-tax FSA optional
- Discounts are given to employees and family members for ChiME classes.

To Apply

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and a resume highlighting relevant work experience and accomplishments. Materials should be sent to jobs@chimemusic.org and include **“Music Therapist” in the subject line**. Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. ***NO PHONE CALLS. PLEASE RESPOND VIA EMAIL ONLY.***

ChiME is an "at-will" and equal opportunity employer. Applicants and employees shall not be discriminated against because of race, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender (including pregnancy and gender expression) identity, color, marital status, veteran status, medical condition, or any other classification protected by federal, state, or local law or ordinance. Reasonable accommodation will be made so that qualified applicants who are disabled may participate in the application process. Please advise us in writing of special needs at the time of application.