

**Internship Site:**

Carilion Clinic Hospice-NRV
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Carilion Clinic Hospice Music Therapy Internship Fact Sheet

- The New River Valley is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Southwest Virginia and has a total population of over 180,000 people. The NRV includes Montgomery, Pulaski, Floyd, and Giles counties as well as the City of Radford and is home to two state universities, Virginia Tech and Radford University.
- Main office is located at: Carilion Clinic Hospice, 701 Randolph Street, Suite 110, Radford, VA 24141 Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM M-F
- Carilion Clinic is a not-for-profit health care system providing care to Southwest Virginia and the surrounding areas. Carilion Clinic serves almost 1 million Virginians in our hospitals, primary care, and specialty physician practices. Included in that footprint is Carilion Clinic Hospice, with locations in Roanoke, Franklin County, and the New River Valley. The experienced caregivers at Carilion Clinic Hospice provide comfort care with support available in the hospital and home setting. The mission at Carilion Clinic Hospice is to provide quality and compassionate care to those entrusted to us as we walk their final journey together.
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- Population served: Hospice: individuals of all ages diagnosed with a terminal illness that typically has a life expectancy of 6 months or less.
- Entry level requirements: completion of all course work required to obtain a bachelor's degree in music therapy. Demonstrate competence with guitar, piano, percussion, and voice. Demonstrate understanding of music therapy treatment process. Experience documenting within an electronic medical record is encouraged but not required.
- Entry level requirements/competencies: An interview, including audition, will be required. In-person interviews are encouraged whenever possible. Virtual interviews may be available. Interviews will consist of intern answering questions from interviewer(s) followed by audition. Intern will have an opportunity to ask questions about the site/population. Auditions will include playing a song of intern's choice on piano and a different song of intern's choice on guitar. Each song must be played in 2 different keys. Songs should be approximately 2 minutes in length and examples of songs that intern foresees using in the hospice setting. Audition will include sight-reading a piece. On-site visits are encouraged whenever possible.
- Brief overview of internship experience: The intern can expect to work directly with hospice patients and their family members and loved ones in private homes, private care homes, residential facilities, and hospitals. The intern will work between 36-40 hours per week. The intern's hours will typically occur Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. However, there may be instances when intern is required to work outside of those hours, such as special events, patient crisis, or patient death. Carilion Clinic Hospice currently has one music therapist.

The intern will initially spend their time with internship supervisor, gradually transitioning to providing care with supervision. The intern will eventually be responsible for providing music therapy services without direct observation. Intern will be expected to attend all weekly interdisciplinary meetings, staff meetings, and complete any Carilion Clinic required in-services. Intern will have assignments designed to expand intern's hospice and music therapy knowledge throughout internship. Hospice knowledge will include, but is not limited to, learning information on the end-of-life process, working with military veterans at end-of-life, learning various diagnoses encountered in hospice, and learning various medications utilized in hospice. If possible, the intern will have an opportunity to engage in cornerstone project after identifying an area of interest.

The music therapy internship director/supervisor utilizes a humanistic approach when providing music therapy services to patients. The patient is the expert, and the music therapist is the guide, assisting the patient in reaching their desired goals through deliberate application of music interventions. Similarly, the internship director/supervisor views the student as having all that the student requires to learn and the internship director/supervisor acts as a guide for the student. The internship director/supervisor works to understand the strengths and challenges that each individual intern has and creates experiences for that intern to grow and prepare to be a professional music therapist.

- Professional staff: The intern will work with an interdisciplinary team that includes the internship supervisor, hospice manager, administrative assistant, social workers, chaplains, bereavement coordinator, CNAs, Volunteer Coordinator, massage therapist, medical director, and nurses.
- Other on-site educational programs: Nursing students
- Other items of note:
 - Intern is expected to provide their own transportation. All-wheel drive is required by employees and highly recommended for interns.
 - Weekly mileage can be up to around 350 miles. Mileage is not reimbursed.
 - Housing, meals, and liability insurance are provided by the intern.
 - There is no stipend available.
 - Intern is expected to provide their own guitar
 - There are handheld percussion instruments, a Qchord, full-sized keyboard, and other music items for intern to utilize during sessions
- Other requirements:
 - Legal affiliation agreement with intern's university.
 - The following must be provided by intern at their own expense-
 - drug screening,
 - health screening,
 - criminal background checks,
 - CPR/BLS training