

Mark Taper - Johnny Mercer Artists' Program

The Artists Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles was founded in 1991 and serves patients and families in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Art therapists, music therapists, and dance movement therapists collaborate with the entire treatment team, including medical staff and other service providers in the Family Centered Care Support Services Division. Art therapy, music therapy, and dance movement therapy at CHLA assist patients and their families to express and explore thoughts and feelings regarding illness, hospitalization, and related stressors.

Interns and trainees will be supervised by licensed and/or credentialed professionals in their chosen field and are valued members of our team. They will be assigned to specific inpatient and outpatient treatment units to provide a broad experience base and a general exposure to the creative and expressive arts therapies in a medical setting. Interns will get experience with adjunctive collaboration, assessment, interventions, evaluation, and charting. They will also participate in the program's outcome studies and will be invited to take advantage of the hospital's ongoing educational opportunities.

Candidates:

- Are currently enrolled in an accredited program for art therapy, music therapy, or dance movement therapy.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 in related courses
- Possess strong skills in self-advocacy, independence, and initiative
- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and an ability to tolerate a wide variety of medical and developmental issues

Application Process:

- Complete the application form
 - the application is available for download in pdf format.
 - It should be filled out and emailed
- Submit current resume
- Official or un-official transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation from academic or professional references

Applications and all other items should be e-mailed to:

ExpressiveTherapiesInternships@chla.usc.edu

After receipt of your completed application and additional materials, it will be reviewed by the Team Lead, and determined whether there will be an interview to follow.

Please note:

- There is no fee for application to the internship program.
- No housing or stipend support is provided for interns or trainees.

Application Deadlines:

We accept music therapy interns 3 times a year (generally January, May/June, and August/September).

We accept art therapy trainees in alignment with their school semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer). Our application deadline is rolling. For music therapy interns, we recommend you apply at least 6 months in advance, as internship spots can fill up quickly. For art therapy trainees, apply at least 3-6 months in advance given advisement from your university. If you have questions regarding the application or process please email:

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After You Are Accepted:

Interns are considered students at the hospital and must complete the requirements for non-medical student personnel set by JHACO and CHLA.

Please be prepared to provide the following documentation:

- Proof of negative TB test within the past year.
- Proof of immunizations (including MMR, Tdap, varicella, flu shot)
- Documentation of liability insurance (personal or through your university)

No interns will be formally accepted before contracts are signed between CHLA and your university.



Expressive Arts Therapy Internship Application

Name: _____
Last First M.I. Date

Address: _____
Street

City State ZIP Code

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Position applying for: _____ preferred start mon/year: _____

Education

College _____ Major _____
From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

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References

Please list two professional references.

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Company _____ Phone: _____

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Further info:

Please list 3 personal/professional goals that you would like to accomplish during your internship at CHLA:

What do you consider to be your theoretical approach? Why?

What is your 5-year career goal?

Please list 3 of your strengths:

Please list 3 areas for improvement and growth: