

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Creative Arts Therapy (CAT) internship program at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. We are pleased to provide you with information about our hospital, internship program and application process.

### **About our Hospital**

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, DE, is ranked among the best children's hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Our doctors are named, year after year, as some of the Best Doctors in America. We provide intensive and acute specialty pediatric care in a family-centered, kid-friendly environment. Our board-certified specialists take a whole-child approach to healing by integrating advanced clinical care (across the specialties) with research, education, and prevention.



### **About our CAT Internship Program**

The CAT internship program strives to support the development of students emerging into the Art and Music Therapy fields. Students are offered opportunities to work in several distinct areas of the hospital including oncology, day medicine, dialysis, in-patient rehabilitation, comprehensive out-patient rehabilitation, cardiac intensive care unit, cardiac step down unit, pediatric intensive care unit, and medical surgical. Also, students may collaborate or co-treat with other specialists in the hospital such as child life specialists, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapists, IV team, and the palliative care team.

Our supervisors are board certified Art and Music Therapists. Supervisors provide a comprehensive training program to Master's students enrolled in an accredited program certified by either the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) or the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA). Interns may benefit in the ways they can:

- develop their professional competencies (i.e. charting, assessment, treatment planning, interventions, artistry/musicianship, professional role)
- experience working clinically with hospitalized children, adolescents and their families
- be a member of an interdisciplinary team
- support the development of CAT programming
- co-treat with medical staff/therapists
- expand on their working knowledge of medical Art or Music Therapy
- develop abilities to educate others about CAT
- participate in and benefiting from supervision

### **Internship Expectations**

Our internship program focuses on evaluating students' skill development in professionalism, therapeutic skills, written and verbal expression, and artistic/musical foundations. Also, interns are expected to complete projects as a way to support their professional development:

1. maintain a journal (Artistic/Musical & Descriptive)
2. create an arts based show for our Close Circuit Television Network (CCTV)
3. create a resource for the CAT Program
4. complete a case study
5. provide an in-service
6. conduct self-assessments and devise/implement plans based on those results
7. participate and meet all requirements of their university program

### **Application**

Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. A limited number of students are accepted due to an expectation that we provide interns with quality supervision and education during placement. We seek applicants who have experience working with children, foundations in child development, and a working knowledge of the psychosocial issues related to the hospitalized child.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following qualifications to be eligible for the CAT internship program:

- Be actively earning their masters degree in Art or Music Therapy from a university in which our hospital has an active affiliation agreement with such as Temple University, Immaculata University, or Drexel University. *Students who attend a non-affiliated university may apply. However, if an affiliation agreement is not achieved then students will need to 1) obtain approval from their university to participate in this internship, 2) obtain permission from their university to maintain personal liability insurance during their internship, and 3) pay for their liability insurance for the entire duration of their internship.*
- Have experience, clinical or professional, working with children
- Possess knowledge of psychosocial issues related to illness, palliative care, and hospitalization

### **Deadlines for Applications and Internship Offers**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply seven months prior to their desired internship term. For qualifying applicants, interview dates will be scheduled based upon internship position availability. Internship offers will be extended within one month of applicants' interviews. Late applications will be considered only as space allows. All applicants interested in applying must complete the following formal application. Should you have any questions please email us at [laura.cerulli@nemours.org](mailto:laura.cerulli@nemours.org).

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,  
Laura Cerulli, MAMT, MT-BC  
Music Therapist  
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**The Child Life, Creative Arts Therapy & School Programs  
Creative Arts Therapy Internship Application**

To apply to Nemours’s Creative Arts Therapy Internship please complete the following application.

<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Today’s Date	Date of Birth	Email
Street Address		Apt/Unit
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Mobile	
Indicate the internship you are applying for: <input type="checkbox"/> Art Therapy Internship <input type="checkbox"/> Music Therapy Internship		
Emergency Contact Person		Phone
<b>College Education</b>		
Name of Undergraduate Institution		
Major	Graduation Date	Total # credits
Academic Advisor Name		
<b>Name of Graduate Institution</b>		
Major	Expected Graduation Date	# Credits Completed
Academic Advisor Name		

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**Application Packet**

The following list includes all of the materials needed in order to be considered for a CAT internship.

1. **Letter indicating your preferred internship term.** Include your desired start date (month + year) as well as any additional terms you are willing and able to serve (season(s) + year).
2. **Completed Page 3** of this document.
3. **Curriculum Vitae** that includes all relevant Art or Music Therapy courses, clinical experiences, and work with children.
4. **Official Transcripts of all academic institutions** (Undergraduate and Graduate programs).
5. **Two Letters of Reference** that address your clinical skills (must be included in your application packet).
6. **Internship Eligibility Letter** from the director of your Art or Music Therapy program.
7. **Written Responses** to the following questions:
  - 1) Describe your philosophy within your respective Creative Arts Therapy discipline.
  - 2) What personal qualities do you have that might influence your work as a therapist?
  - 3) List your personal/professional goal(s) for the training experience at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.
  - 4) What have you already done to advance your knowledge of medical Creative Arts Therapy?
  - 5) Describe a challenging experience you encountered during your academic/clinical training.
  - 6) Describe your experiences with grief and loss and ways you believe it may inform your work in the hospital.
  - 7) Describe your career goal(s).

Applicants will only be considered for an interview once all application materials are received. Qualifying applicants will be interviewed by a panel of staff from the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children such as child life specialists, creative arts therapists, and the internship supervisor.

**Mail Application**

Please submit all application packet items together and send it to the address provided below.

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children  
*Child Life, Creative Arts Therapy, and School Programs*  
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