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Visiting Assistant Professor
School of Music/Music Therapy
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Degrees Earned

M.M. in Music Therapy. Florida State University. Graduated August 2007.

Thesis title: The effect of music, gestures, and music with gestures on the sight-word recognition of students with dyslexia.

B.M. in Music Education. Westminster Choir College of Rider University. Graduated summa cum laude May 2005. Primary instrument: piano.

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Board Certified Music Therapist. Issued April 2007.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – Music Therapy. Issued January 2008

Certificate of Eligibility of Teaching – New Jersey.

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

November 2007 – Research Poster Session, American Music Therapy Association National Conference. “The effect of music, gestures, and music with gestures on the sight-word recognition of students with dyslexia.”

February 2008 – Research Poster Session, Texas Music Educators Association Annual Conference. “The effect of music, gestures, and music with gestures on the sight-word recognition of students with dyslexia.”

March 2008 – Presentation, Southwestern Region, American Music Therapy Association Regional Conference. “Activities to enhance pre-literacy, pre-academics, and social/emotional development.”

Work or Professional Experiences

October 2006 and February 2007: Guest Lecturer, Westminster Choir College of Rider University

August 2006 – January 2007: music therapy intern with Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia.

October 2007 – Present: Contracted to provide music therapy assessments to Houston area school districts to determine individual student eligibility for music therapy services.

January 2008 – Present: Contracted to provide individual music therapy sessions as a related service to a student in Magnolia ISD, Texas.

Honors and Awards

April 2006: Housewright Chair Award: Florida State University, College of Music

May 2007: Inducted into the Florida State University Chapters of Phi Kappa Phi (National Honor Society) and Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society)