

Facts sheet (Korea)

National Association:

National Association of Korean Music Therapists (NAKMT)

Founding year of professional organisation: 2007

Professional publications:

- 17 members of the association co-translated the book “Music Therapy Handbook” edited by Barbara Wheeler in 2016.
- NAKMT does not publish an academic journal as the association is the first organization formed and dedicated only for the process of professional certification, recertification and continuing education in Korea.
- The Korean Music Therapy Association publishes ‘the Korean Journal of Music Therapy’ and the Korean Music Therapy Education Association publishes ‘the Journal of Music and Human Behavior.’

Supporting regions or provinces:

NAKMT serves music therapists in South Korea from all provinces. NAKMT members belong to one of seven regions according to their registered residence, and regional directors organize additional meetings for professional networking and communications.

Mission statement:

- The association was jointly formed by music therapists and music therapy educators from 13 graduate and undergraduate music therapy programs to serve Korean music therapists by establishing a credible certification and re-certification program.
- The association strives to improve the working conditions of music therapists, ensure the quality of education and clinical training programs in Korea, move toward to establishment of state-licensure in music therapy, and increase the public recognition and knowledge of music therapy by providing multiple ways to educate the public.

Current president:

Dr. In Yong Lee

Professional credentials:

KCMT (Korean Certified Music Therapist)

Licensure and Re-accreditation process:

- Managed and controlled by NAKMT
- Graduates from universities with approved programs that meet academic standards set by NAKMT can apply for the certification exam
 - 1) 80 hours of continuing education credits in music therapy
 - 2) Re-taking the certification exam

Number of professionals:

As of 2019, there are about 900 professional and 250 non-professional members, and about 830 music therapists have received the KCMT certification.

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Number of schools:

- 1) A total of 13 university programs have been approved by the association and signed MOUs.
 - 2) There are currently 10 schools that have not met the education or clinical training standards required by the association.
- First degree program began in 1997
 - 23 universities/colleges provide the following degree programs in music therapy
 - ◆ 4 undergraduate programs
 - ◆ 20 master's programs
 - ◆ 8 doctoral programs

Next national conference:

- Annually, the association hosts a one-day conference twice in May and November.