CLASS PERIOD: One 50-minute lesson will be scheduled each week.

2 HOURS CREDIT

TEXT: None Required

MATERIALS: Guitar, Capo, Electronic Tuner, Pencil, Short left hand nails

NATURE OF COURSE CONTENT:
This lesson will provide students with individualized instruction on guitar. Based on the student’s needs, the instructor will provide specific instruction on a variety of guitar skills applicable to music therapy practice.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES:
1. Provide instruction on basic guitar care; 2. Provide overview of the history of the guitar; 3. Provide basic instruction on regular and open tuning; 4. Provide basic instruction on various strumming and finger picking patterns; 5. Provide basic instruction on first position major, minor, and 7th chords; 6. Provide introduction to blues and classical guitar playing; 7. Provide introduction to bar chords; 8. Apply basic guitar techniques to music therapy and music education practice.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
This course is offered to music therapy students interested in working on their guitar skills. Students will be required to attend lessons on a weekly basis. Students are permitted 2 absences.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:
Grading is based on the following criteria:
   Attendance (20 points); Practice (20 points), Progress (30 points),
   Final Playing Evaluation (30 points)

The total points earned will be evaluated according to the following grading scale:
A: 100-90    B: 89-80    *C: 79-70    D: 69-60    F: 59 and below

*Music therapy majors must achieve a C grade or better in order to apply for internship and sit for the National Board Certification examination (see Music Therapy Student Handbook for details)