

Biography – Laurie Peebles

Laurie Peebles is currently the Associate Professor of Music Therapy and Graduate Coordinator at Georgia College. Laurie received a Bachelor's of Music in Music Therapy and a Master's of Music in Music Education at Converse College and a Doctor of Philosophy in music education with an emphasis in music therapy at the University of Miami. She completed her music therapy internship with the Fulton County School System and she joined the music therapy team at The George Center for Music Therapy, in Atlanta, GA a private practice, which specializes in catering to children with exceptionalities. She worked with children with autism, Emotional Behavioral Disorders, mental disabilities, survivors of abuse, children who have lost parents or siblings, and/or other varying health impairments. From 2012 to 2014, Laurie served on the executive board as secretary of the Music Therapy Association of Georgia. In 2014, she began working as the music therapist on the Oncology units at Greenville Memorial Hospital, in Greenville, SC, a program funded by a LiveSTRONG grant. Beginning in 2016, she began providing music therapy services at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, FL providing music therapy services on the cardiology, neurology, and intensive care units. During this time, she also providing music therapist services with the private practice Wholesome Harmonies Music Therapy, LLC in Miami, FL.

In 2019, Laurie was the recipient of the AMTA Music Therapy Perspectives Graduate Research Award for her research study Trends in Music Therapy Preprofessional Supervision: A Systematic Review. Her research on music therapy reimbursement practices in the United States has been published in *Music Therapy Perspectives*. She has presented at several national, regional, and state music therapy conferences on topics which include supervision, the clinical use of technology, and her experience starting a music therapy program in Zhengzhou, China. She has been member of AMTA since 2008. Her other professional affiliations include Pi Kappa Lambda and the Music Therapy Association of Georgia.

When not practicing music therapy, Laurie continues to enjoy performing on flute. In 2014, Laurie was the winner of the South Carolina Flute Society Masterclass competition. In 2015, Laurie performed for Sir James Galway in a masterclass at the Galway Flute Festival in Weggis, Switzerland. In 2018, Laurie performed at the National Flute Association conference with the University of Miami Frost Flute Ensemble under the direction of Trudy Kane.