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OCP BOARD PARTNERS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF MUSIC THERAPY TRAINING

The Professional Board for Occupational Therapy, Medical Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Arts Therapy under the ambit of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is excited to collaborate with the University of Pretoria in celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Music Therapy Unit's training program. The Symposium will be held at the Musaion on UP's Main Campus in Hatfield on Saturday, 31 August 2024.

Music therapy is a recognised, evidence-based health profession where therapists use music to address the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals, groups, and communities. Through techniques such as improvisation, songwriting, movement, and music listening, therapists enhance their clients' well-being.

Launched in 1999, this pioneering training program has played a pivotal role in shaping the field of music therapy in South Africa and beyond. It has produced numerous skilled therapists now working across health care, community settings, and education. This anniversary not only celebrates past achievements but also reflects on the program's evolution, including the integration of African perspectives and its role in addressing diverse community needs through music therapy.

This event will spotlight the transformative impact of the program and its ongoing commitment to innovation and excellence in therapeutic arts.

The Professional Board extends its heartfelt congratulations to the University of Pretoria for its dedication over the past 25 years. We invite all practitioners to join us in commemorating this milestone, recognising the program's enduring influence, and exploring its future potential.

The symposium is free of charge and accredited, providing registered practitioners with valuable Continuing Education Units (CEUs) towards their Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

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