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## Strumming & Fingerpicking (from GSL)

**Description:** *Strumming & Fingerpicking* is a selection of chapters from the course series *GSL: Guitar as a Second Language*. These chapters focus specifically on understanding the principals behind ANY strum/pick pattern so the therapist can be free to improvise patterns and create them as needed on the fly. Along with demonstrating intuitive methods for strumming and fingerpicking, the course teaches right- and left-hand ways to make percussive sounds while strumming or picking. These techniques are also shown in context of the song genres and styles where they are most commonly used. This course is replete with clinical examples and an exploration of the theory and psychology behind the music. The *GSL* series as a whole is designed to combine musical skills with clinical insight in a way that stimulates creative ideas and opens new doors for music therapists.

The course is designed in chapters, with a 1- or 2-question quiz following each chapter and a 7-question post-test at the end of the course.

The chapters are arranged on the following topics:

1. Right Hand Skills I—Patterns (10 minutes)
2. Right Hand Skills II—Mutes (31 minutes)
3. Right Hand Skills III—Slap Strum (17 minutes)
4. Fingerpicking (24 minutes)

Total video time:	82 minutes of video instruction
Practice time:	48 minutes
Chapter quizzes & post-test:	20 minutes
TOTAL expected time for course completion:	150 minutes
CMTE credits:	3 credits
Access time for course:	2 months

### Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will demonstrate an ability to play and/or improvise strum patterns and pick patterns with and without percussive sounds, based on an understanding of correct finger/hand placement and motion.

**Prerequisites:** No participant will be turned away; however, participants will be able to make the most of this course if they can already do the following on the guitar:

1. Comfortably play these open chords from memory: A, A7, Am, Am7, B7, C, C7, D, D7, Dm, Dm7, E, E7, Em, Em7, F, G, G7.
2. Accompany themselves singing various songs using basic chords (above) and one or more basic strum patterns.
3. Have a basic knowledge of music theory, including I-IV-V chord progressions and rhythm patterns in three-four and four-four time signatures.
4. Have some clinical experience (either observation, practicum, internship, or professional) to be able to relate to concepts and examples presented in the course.

**Instructor Qualifications:** Jamie Bartschi holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music therapy, and has played the guitar in performance and clinical settings for 23 years. She also has 28 years experience teaching guitar and violin.

**Video Course Format:** The course is comprised of four chapters, each lasting 10-24 minutes (see Chapter headings above). An access time of two months is provided to enable participants to complete one chapter or less per week for maximum absorption of information. Each chapter is presented face-to-face with the instructor and includes examples, play-along segments, and a downloadable PDF handout with illustrations and explanations. A one- or two-question quiz follows each chapter to help solidify key concepts. Answering the quiz questions correctly enables the participant to move on to the next chapter. Participants are encouraged to rewind and replay each chapter to facilitate effective practice and mastery of each concept. At the end of the course, a post-test is given to assure understanding of concepts. A 90% score is required to pass the post-test, which qualifies the participant to receive a certificate for 3 CMTE credits earned. Certificates will be available to save or print immediately upon finishing the course.

**Number of CMTE credits:** 3

**Price:** \$75

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