



Music Therapy Board Certification The Examination Development Process: Practice Analysis

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THE EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



PRACTICE ANALYSIS



ANALYSIS & REPORTING



RESOURCES FOR TEST PREPARATION



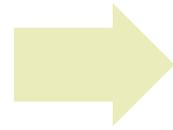
PRACTICE ANALYSIS KEY POINTS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QHYvp1axXY>



Practice Analysis Committee & Testing Vendor

- Scope of practice
- Task list
- Knowledge statements
- Linkages
- Develop survey and deploy



All Active MT-BCs

- Practice analysis survey is sent to all active MT-BC's.
- MT-BC's rank frequency & importance of knowledge and task statements to job role.



Psychometric Analysis

- SME panel reviews results of the survey with the testing vendor.
- Finalize task and knowledge areas for the Exam Content Outline (Board Certification Domains)
- Determine number of questions in each domain
- Determine cognitive complexity of item distribution





Navigating the CBMT Website



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [cbmt.org/resources/#resources-for-candidates--students](https://www.cbmt.org/resources/#resources-for-candidates--students). The website header is dark red with navigation links: About Us, Resources, News, Contact, and Login. Below the header is the CBMT logo (certification board for music therapists) and a secondary navigation menu with links: Candidates, Certificants, Educators, Approved Providers, Find A Therapist, and State Licensure. A large dark red banner with the word "RESOURCES" in white is centered on the page. Below the banner, a text block reads: "This website is full of information to support your interest and participation in board certification for music therapists. Choose a topic below for more comprehensive tools and information." Underneath this text are five columns of resource links: "RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE", "RESOURCES FOR CANDIDATES & STUDENTS", "RESOURCES FOR CURRENT CERTIFICANTS", "RESOURCES FOR APPROVED PROVIDERS", and "RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS". At the bottom of the page, there is a banner for "CBMT Board Certification Domains 2025" featuring illustrations of diverse people. A small blue accessibility icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

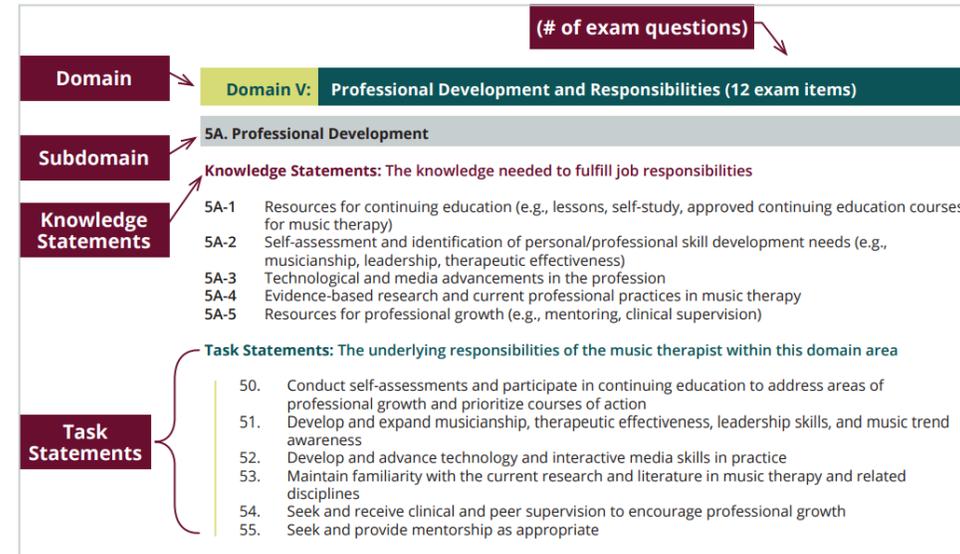
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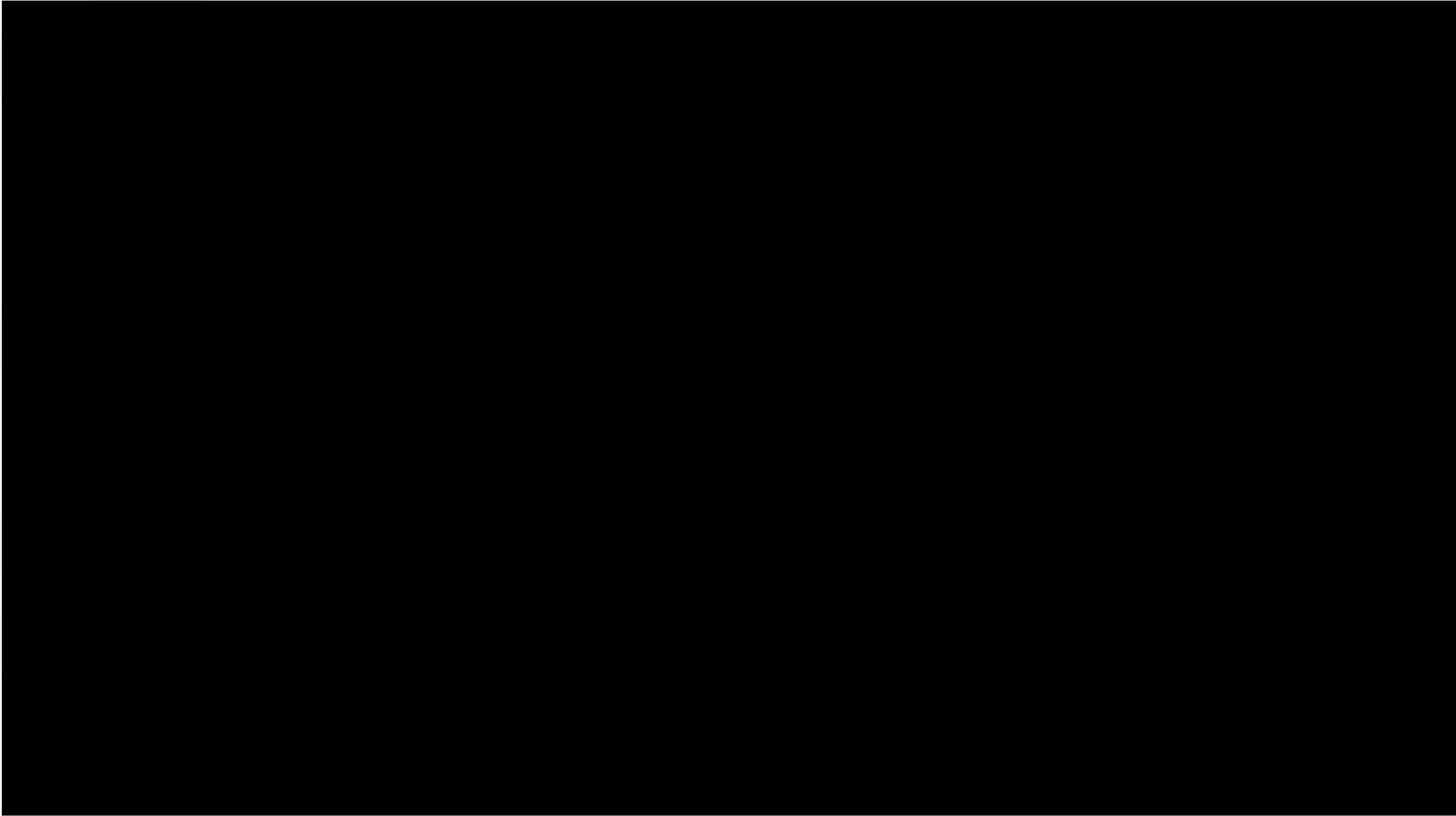
Board Certification Domain Document

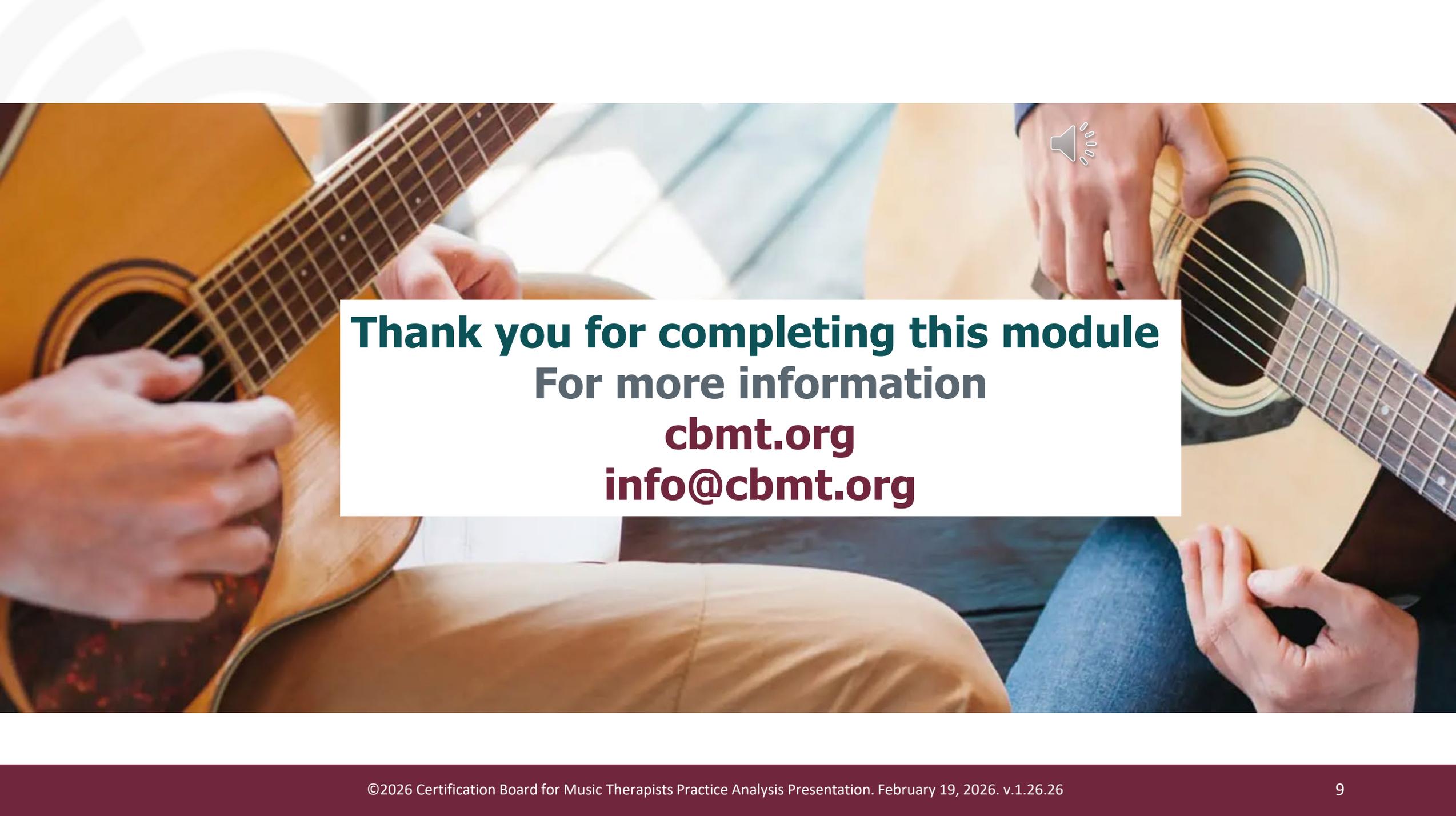


- The BCD is an Exam Content Outline.

Competency Areas	
1	Safety
2	Referral, Assessment, Interpretation of Assessment, and Treatment Planning
3	Treatment Implementation and Documentation
4	Evaluation and Termination of Treatment
5	Professional Development and Responsibilities







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