

MUSIC EDUCATION LICENSURE FOR PK-12 GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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This certificate may be earned on a full-time or part-time basis.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

- In addition to standard requirements through the university's online application, requirements for this program include:
- Transcript audit that indicates: Bachelor of Music or its equivalent, minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 (Endorsement Worksheet)
- Official copy of Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test (or equivalency)¹
- One page professional goals statement submitted with application
- Upon application review by music education faculty, the successful applicant will be invited to an interview and music skills proficiency exam.

Coursework completed at other institutions will not be considered for transfer into this graduate certificate program. Applicants who believe they have met requirements for a license are encouraged to apply directly to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). Instructions and a type-and-print version of the application for a teaching license can be found on the VDOE website at: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/application.pdf>

¹ Specifics regarding testing requirements and passing scores are dictated by the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) and can be found online at <https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/test/praxis>

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 21

Required Courses

Upon admission to this graduate certificate the candidate must complete the following:²

MUSI 561	Music Curriculum and Instructional Procedures	3
MUSI 593	Foundations of Music Education	3
EDUC 539	Human Development and Learning PK-12	3

EDRD 501	Literacy and Curriculum Integration, PK-12	3
Select one from the following:		3
MUSI 566	Instrumental Methods for Band	
MUSI 567	Instrumental Methods, Strings	
MUSI 568	Vocal and Choral Methods	
Total Credits		15

Internship

Upon completion of coursework the candidate must complete a student teaching internship at the elementary and secondary levels in a program-approved public or private school (6 credits). Prior to being permitted to student teach, the candidate must complete and pass the VCLA, the Praxis Subject Assessment (Music Content Knowledge-5113)¹, and the MTEC Competency Check².

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- ² The requirements and procedures for applying for an internship as well as the MTEC Competency Checks is outlined in the Music Education Handbook (www.music.gmu.edu (<http://www.music.gmu.edu>)). Candidates will be advised to sign up for vocal and/or instrumental technique courses during coursework as needed to help prepare them for these exams. Note that techniques courses are not required and thus cannot be transferred or counted as course substitutions for completion of the certificate.

MUSI 595	Internship in Music Education	6-9
Total Credits		6-9