MUSIC EDUCATION LICENSURE FOR PK-12 GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: AR-CERG-MELP

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

This certificate program qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

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)
  • 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.

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/.

1 Students should contact their academic advisor in regards to fulfilling this requirement.

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), and the MTEC Competency Check.

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1 The requirements and procedures for applying for an internship as well as the MTEC Competency Check is outlined in the Music Education Handbook (https://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.

Policy
For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/).

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 21

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