MUSIC AND WELL-BEING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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The Graduate Certificate in Music and Well-Being builds on courses currently offered in the School of Music and on the school-wide initiative around well-being as an important consideration and subject of study for all musicians. Expanding and supplementing courses developed in connection with the undergraduate minor in Music and Well-Being, the certificate allows students to explore the connections between music and consciousness and between vibration, meditation, and well-being. The graduate certificate gives students a thorough grounding in theory and practice and includes instruction in compositional and improvisational approaches. Although there is some overlap in subject matter, this is not intended as a program in music therapy. The certificate is conceived as a complement to the programs focused on mindfulness and well-being that are a priority across the university. The success of the long-running Healing Arts Ensemble at the graduate level as well as the undergraduate level, and the growth in the new minor in Music and Well-Being indicates the potential level of student interest in the program.

This certificate may be pursued either in part or full time status.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions
In addition to standard university requirements, an interview with the director of the program is required for admission. Visit the School of Music website (http://music.gmu.edu) for details on what and how to submit your application.

Policies
For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements
Total credits: 22

Required Courses
MUSI 555 Music as a Healing Art 3
MUSI 577 Music and Consciousness 3
Three semesters of
MUSI 685 Graduate Chamber Ensemble (Healing Arts Ensemble) 3
MUSI 699 Independent Study (Music Healing Practicum for 3 credits) 3

Six credits of
MUSI 728 Applied Music in Composition
MUSI 790 Graduate Recital 1

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