

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC (EC-12 MUSIC CERTIFICATION, CHORAL EMPHASIS)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/music/undergraduate-programs/ba-in-music-degree-with-an-ec-12-teacher-certification/>

**Update Effective July 31, 2023:** *The Bachelor of Arts in Music (EC-12 Music Certification, Choral Emphasis) track has been reclassified as a Bachelor of Music (EC-12 Music Certification, Choral Emphasis) track.*

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with an education minor and teacher certification is designed to prepare music educators to teach all grade levels, EC-12. The curriculum provides a comprehensive musical foundation, along with the training needed to guide students to an appreciation and understanding of music as an art form and cultural phenomenon. Curricular requirements integrate music students with the university general education requirements and a core of professional education courses.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

## Degree Skills

- Collaboration: work effectively with others toward a common goal.
- Analysis: think and understand in patterns.
- Time-management: handle multiple projects simultaneously.

## Teacher Certification Skills

- Appropriately explain the impact of effective planning and communication (within the chosen area of concentration) to relevant internal and external stakeholders in an education or community setting.
- Identify, select, and implement entry-level instructional plans when serving as an instructor in the school setting.
- Successfully manage organizational and student behavior when teaching in the school setting.
- Efficiently and accurately assess student progress and use data to develop and modify instruction for K-12 students.
- Work effectively and collaboratively with students and families from diverse backgrounds.

## Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

In addition, applicants must:

- Fill out the online TWU Music Audition Application via Acceptd (<http://catalog.twu.eduhttp://twumusic.getacceptd.com/>).
- A letter of recommendation from your current private teacher or ensemble director will be required for each application. The letter must be received prior to your audition date and must be submitted by the letter writer through the Acceptd platform.
- Audition and participate in a placement evaluation.

You also may choose to compete for scholarships that are available to new and transferring music students each year. These are awarded based on musical excellence, as verified through your entrance audition and placement examination, and supported by teacher recommendations.

Please visit the TWU Music Auditions (<https://twu.edu/music/prospective-students/auditions/>) website for audition dates, area-specific audition criteria, and a Step-by-Step Guide to admission into music degree programs.

## Teacher Certification

### Application Deadlines

There are three application periods per year (Fall, Spring, and Summer). Students must have their applications in by the deadline the semester before they intend to take ECE 3223 (EC-3 only), EDUC 3003, EDUC 3482, or READ 4223 (EC-3 only). (see schedule below).

### Spring Application Deadlines\* (Admission to the EDUC 3000s Summer)

- May 1 - Deadline to apply for Summer admission
- May 31 - Deadline for Transfer Grades, Grade Changes, or Any Other Requirement

### Summer Application Deadlines (Admission to the EDUC 3000s Fall)

- July 1 - Deadline to apply for Fall admission
- July 31 - Deadline for Transfer Grades, Grade Changes, or Any Other Requirement

### Fall Application Deadlines\* (Admission to the EDUC 3000s Spring)

- December 1 - Deadline to apply for Spring admission
- December 21 - Deadline for Transfer Grades, Grade Changes, or Any Other Requirement

## Guidelines

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- We recommend preparing your application well in advance of the deadline. That way you will be able to identify and resolve any potential issues before the deadline date.
- If you intend to register early for ECE 3223 (EC-3 only), EDUC 3003, EDUC 3482, or READ 4223 (EC-3 only) for the Summer or Fall semesters and have met all admission requirements, it is recommended that you apply to the EPP by December 1.
- If you apply for admission to the Educator Preparation Program while enrolled in EDUC 2003 or are taking coursework to increase your GPA to a 2.75, the Office of Educator Preparation Services will process your application. If the GPA requirement, along with all other admission requirements are met at the end of the semester, an admission decision will be made at that time.
- No late applications will be accepted. If the deadline date falls on a weekend or a day that TWU is closed, applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on the next day that TWU is open after the deadline day.

## Requirements

In addition to the general undergraduate admissions requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>),

to obtain acceptance into the undergraduate Educator Preparation Program (<https://twu.edu/epp/>) (and prior to taking ECE 3223 (EC-3 only), EDUC 3003, EDUC 3482, EDUC 4113, EDUC 4243, READ 4223 (EC-3 only), and Clinical Student Teaching) students must have:

- A cumulative GPA of 2.75 (includes **all** courses, whether posted to TWU transcript or used on a degree plan. Excludes developmental and repeated courses);
- Demonstrated basic skills in reading, written communication, and mathematics by meeting the requirements of the Texas Success Initiative;
- A minimum of 12 to 15 semester credit hours in the subject-specific content area for the certification sought;
- Completed EDUC 2003 with a C or higher;
- Completed department application for admission to the Educator Preparation Program in Tk20;
  - **Important:** Purchase and creation of a Tk20 account is required (<https://twu.edu/epp/tk20/>)
- Completed the Digital Literacy Pre-assessment;
- Submitted a non-refundable Texas Education Agency Fee;
- Completed a Commitment Contract acknowledging awareness and understanding of the Professional Dispositions Policy and Educators' Code of Ethics;
- Successfully completed a pre-admission departmental interview with an interview panel; and
- Acknowledged and accepted admission to the Educator Preparation Program.

**Please note:**

- All accepted students must maintain the admission requirements to remain in the TWU Education Preparation Program.
- Admission requirements are determined by Texas Education Agency policies and are subject to change without notice.
- Students seeking Bilingual certification must meet minimum proficiency in Spanish.
- Students seeking Deaf/Hard of Hearing certification must meet minimum proficiency in sign.

All admission decisions are based on the successful completion of the above requirements. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation may affect certification. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Texas Education Agency (<http://www.tea.texas.gov/>). Any previous or current issues of academic dishonesty, disruptive behavior, or professional dispositions infractions at TWU, another university, or another Educator Preparation Program may result in denial of admission. Any decision may be appealed by contacting the Office of Educator Preparation Services at 940-898-2829.

Contact the Office of Educator Preparation Services (<https://twu.edu/epp/>) (OEPS) at [copeadvising@twu.edu](mailto:copeadvising@twu.edu) or 940-898-2829 with any questions.

## Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Requirements

- Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to employment as an educator. [19 TAC §227.1(b)(1)]

- Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching. [19 TAC §227.1(b)(2)]
- The potential ineligibility of an individual who has been convicted of an offense for issuance of a certificate. [19 TAC §227.1(d)(1)]
- The right to request a preliminary criminal history evaluation from TEA. [19 TAC §227.1(d)(3)]

## Degree Requirements

**Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 134**

**Major: 44 SCH; Required Minor: 26 SCH**

**Program Code:** MUSIC.BA.EDUC-CHORAL; **CIP Code:** 50.0901.00

### Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>42</b>

### Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
MU 1021	Keyboard Musicianship I	1
MU 1031	Keyboard Musicianship II	1
MU 1521	Aural Skills I	1
MU 1523	Music Theory I	3
MU 1531	Aural Skills II	1
MU 1533	Music Theory II	3
MU 2521	Aural Skills III	1
MU 2523	Music Theory III	3
MU 2531	Aural Skills IV	1
MU 2533	Music Theory IV	3
MU 3313	Music History I	3
MU 3323	Music History II	3
MU 4502	Choral Arranging	2
Principal Instrument (4 SCH at 4000 level)		12
Music Ensemble (MU 3551 or MU 3591)		6
Performance Juries (6 completed)		
Barrier Exam		
Capstone Performance		
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>44</b>

## Music Education

Special Requirement: A grade of "B" or higher for courses to be counted toward the degree.

Code	Title	SCHs
MU 3542	Conducting I	2
MU 2202	Introduction to Music Education	2
MU 2061	Keyboard Musicianship III	1
MU 3832	Elementary Music Content	2
MU 3432	Secondary Methods and Literature I	2
MU 3602	Secondary Methods and Literature II	2
MU 3601	Advanced Conducting	1
MU 3492	Vocal Pedagogy	2
MU 3442	English, Italian, and Latin Diction	2
MU 3452	French and German Diction	2
MU 3061	Instrumental Techniques and Pedagogy I	1
MU 3071	Instrumental Techniques and Pedagogy II	1
MU 3051	Functional Piano I	1
MU 4061	Functional Piano II	1
Elementary Music Proficiency Exam		
Choral Music Proficiency Exam		
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>22</b>

## Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
MU 2913	Music and Cultures	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>3</b>

## Professional Education Studies

Admission to the Educator Preparation Program is required. Students must apply for admission into the Educator Preparation Program prior to enrolling in EDUC 3003/EDUC 3482, EDUC 4113/EDUC 4243, and EDUC 4946. Information is available from the Office of Educator Preparation Services (<https://twu.edu/teacher-certification/>).

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Pedagogical and Professional Responsibility</b>		
EDUC 2003	Schools and Society	3
EDUC 3003	Learning Theory and Development	3
EDUC 3482	Teaching Diverse Learners Through Technology Integration	2
EDUC 4113	Design and Implementation of Instruction and Assessment	3
EDUC 4243	Classroom Environment and Management	3
EDUC 4946	Clinical Student Teaching	6
<b>Related Studies in Education</b>		
READ 3013	Literacy and Learning across the Curriculum	3
EDSP 3203	Learners with Exceptionalities	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>26</b>

Notes:

- EDUC 2003 may be taken at a community college. Check with the Office of Educator Preparation Services (<https://twu.edu/teacher-certification/>) to make sure the course has the equivalent number.
- EDUC 4113 and EDUC 4243 must be taken during the same semester.

## Recommended Plan of Study

<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	<b>SCHs</b>
MU 1021	Keyboard Musicianship I	MUSI 1181	1
MU 1521	Aural Skills I	MUSI 1116	1
MU 1523	Music Theory I	MUSI 1311	3
MU 2202	Introduction to Music Education		2
Applied Music: Primary Instrument			2
Large Ensemble			1
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: The First Year Experience (Students should enroll in the music major specific section.)	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 1031	Keyboard Musicianship II	MUSI 1182	1
MU 1112	Music and Wellness		2
MU 1531	Aural Skills II	MUSI 1117	1
MU 1533	Music Theory II	MUSI 1312	3
Applied Music: Primary Instrument			2
Large Ensemble			1
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>16</b>
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 2061	Keyboard Musicianship III	MUSI 2181	1
MU 2521	Aural Skills III	MUSI 2116	1
MU 2523	Music Theory III	MUSI 2311	3
MU 3442	English, Italian, and Latin Diction		2
MU 3703	Women in Music		3
Applied Music: Primary Instrument			2
Large Ensemble			1
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 2531	Aural Skills IV	MUSI 2117	1
MU 2533	Music Theory IV	MUSI 2312	3
MU 3452	French and German Diction		2
MU 2913	Music and Cultures	MUSI 1307	3
Applied Music: Primary Instrument			2
Large Ensemble			1
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Social/Behavioral Science Core			3
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>18</b>

**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 3313	Music History I		3
MU 3492	Vocal Pedagogy		2
MU 3542	Conducting I		2
MU 3432	Secondary Methods and Literature I		2
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Applied Music: Primary Instrument			2
Large Ensemble			1
MU 3061	Instrumental Techniques and Pedagogy I		1
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>16</b>

<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 3323	Music History II		3
MU 3071	Instrumental Techniques and Pedagogy II		1
MU 3601	Advanced Conducting		1
MU 3602	Secondary Methods and Literature II		2
Applied Music: Primary Instrument			2
Large Ensemble			1
MU 4502	Choral Arranging		2
EDUC 2003	Schools and Society	EDUC 1301	3
Life/Physical Science Core			3
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>18</b>

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 3051	Functional Piano I		1
EDUC 3003	Learning Theory and Development		3
EDUC 3482	Teaching Diverse Learners Through Technology Integration		2
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core			3
Mathematics Core			3
Life/Physical Science Core			3
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>15</b>

<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
MU 4061	Functional Piano II		1
READ 3013	Literacy and Learning across the Curriculum		3
EDUC 4113	Design and Implementation of Instruction and Assessment		3
EDUC 4243	Classroom Environment and Management		3
EDSP 3203	Learners with Exceptionalities		3
MU 3832	Elementary Music Content		2
<b>SCHs</b>			<b>15</b>

**Fifth Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
EDUC 4943	Clinical Student Teaching		3
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<b>SCHs</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Total SCHs:</b>			<b>134</b>