

MASTER OF MUSIC (MUSIC EDUCATION)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/music/graduate-programs/master-of-music-in-music-education/>

The Master of Music with an emphasis in Music Education is designed for music educators seeking to extend their knowledge of teaching methodologies, pedagogy, and curriculum development. Elective courses are offered on a variety of topics including teaching exceptional learners, music history, and theory. For students seeking Texas music teacher certification, we offer an option to complete the required coursework while simultaneously working on the Master of Music degree.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Connect theory with professional practice.
2. Integration and facilitation of research.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

36 semester credit hours (SCH).

Special requirement

A grade of A or B for courses to be counted toward the degree.

Final Examination

An oral examination will include a comprehensive review of the major area of emphasis and the culminating project. The result of the exam will be reported as:

1. pass,
2. not pass, or
3. deferral (exam may only be repeated once).

Coursework

Code	Title	SCHs
MU 5423	Research in Music Education	3

MU 5433	Psychological Foundations of Music Education	3
MU 5653	History and Philosophy of Music Education	3
MU 5663	Seminar in Music Curriculum and Methodology	3

Other Studies in Music

MU 5933	Styles in Music	3
or MU 5453	Women in Music	
MU 5403	Music Theory Pedagogy	3

Electives: Select from Music or Education (In consultation with advisor.) 12

Select One of the Following Options 6

Professional Paper Option

MU 5973	Professional Paper	
Music Electives (3 credits)		

Thesis Option

MU 5983	Thesis	
MU 5993	Thesis	

Total SCHs 36

Master of Music with an Emphasis in Education and EC-12 Teacher Certification

45 semester credit hours.

Our Master of Music degree with an emphasis in education offers a specialized track that leads to Texas teacher certification for grades K-12. Our program will provide you with the option of teaching instrumental or vocal music at the elementary or secondary level, and our comprehensive curriculum will prepare you for work as:

- An elementary music specialist.
- A middle or high school band, orchestra, or choir director.

In addition to the coursework above, students seeking Texas teacher certification must complete:

Code	Title	SCHs
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These courses must be used to satisfy Elective requirements

EDUC 5113	Foundations of Teaching and Learning	
EDUC 5123	Learning Theory, Development, and Research	
EDUC 5133	Assessment and Instructional Design and Delivery for Diverse Learners	
EDUC 5143	Effective Design and Management of the Classroom Environment (EC-12)	

Additional Coursework

READ 5543	Introduction to Literacy and Learning in the Disciplines	3
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Field-Based Experience

EDUC 5936	Professional Internship	6
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Total SCHs 9

More information regarding the teacher certification process is available at College of Professional Education. (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/>)