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WCU

MUSIC EDUCATION

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Our Program

The master of music in music education enhances and refines your knowledge of the subject as well as instructional skills and strategies through performance, research, and teaching, while employing the latest curriculum trends, methodologies, and technologies. The School of Music is accredited by Middle States, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and National Association of Schools of Music. The Kodaly and Orff-Schulwerk program concentrations are accredited by the Organization of American Kodaly Educators and American Orff-Schulwerk Association, respectively, and the music education technology concentration meets certification requirements of TI:ME (Technology in Music Education).

The music library houses more than 25,000 volumes of music in various formats and a collection of more than 25,000 sound recordings, and state-of-the-art equipment and materials in the technological laboratories and music education resource room.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program are employed as music specialists and administrators in schools throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions of the country. Several alumni have continued their postgraduate studies and are currently serving on the faculty of such higher education institutions as Arizona State University, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, and schools within Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. Individuals also have found positions in related fields, including church music, private studio instruction, and performance.

Our Curriculum

As a student, you may select from five degree concentrations depending on your particular interests and skills.

- Research report, which requires a research project and paper related to your curricular interests
- Performance, which culminates in a public recital
- Orff-Schulwerk process, which leads to AOSA certification

- Kodaly process, which leads to OAKE certification
- Music education technology, which leads to TI:ME certification

You also may elect professional growth programs for study beyond the formal degree program. Elective courses include multicultural music education, related arts, instrumental music education, and special subject seminars exploring the latest developments in music education.

All programs require the following core music education courses and cognate course in music history and music theory:

- MUE 500 Methods and Materials of Research
- MUE 503 Philosophical Foundations of Music Education
- MUE 510 Current Trends in Music Education

Summer Degree and Certificate Programs

The Samuel Barber Institute for Music Education offers an innovative combination of traditional academic courses and special subjects seminars featuring nationally renowned leaders in 21st century music education. These courses may be applied to NASM-accredited master's degrees in music education, applied music, piano pedagogy, music history and literature, and music theory as well as meeting requirements for teacher certification renewal and professional growth. A master's degree may be earned through an intensive four summer program or a combination of regular semester and summer studies.

Two certificate programs – one in Orff-Schulwerk (15 credits) and the other in Kodaly methodology (18 credits) – are designed for in-service music educators who wish to upgrade their skills in choral and classroom instruction, yet do not wish to undertake a full master's degree curriculum. Both certificate programs are designed to be completed in three consecutive summers of study.

Our Faculty

You will have the opportunity to study with dedicated and distinguished faculty, including individuals who have achieved regional, national, and international recognition for accomplishments in

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their areas of expertise. WCU music education faculty regularly present workshops for state and national conferences, publish articles in professional journals, and contribute to basal series for classroom music.

Admission Requirements

You should submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education:

- Completed graduate application, including goals statement
- Official academic transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended demonstrating a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.65 or better
- Three letters of recommendation
- Admissions interview

You need to take the School of Music Graduate Admissions Test (offered twice each semester and twice during the summer sessions) to determine any need for remediation in music history and music theory prior to enrolling for the seventh credit hour of graduate study. You must complete any remedial course prior to 15 credit hours of graduate study.

If you seek to enter the performance option, you must audition prior to acceptance into this concentration. Those seeking to enter other concentrations should contact the coordinator of graduate studies in music to determine other preadmission processes. If you do not hold Level I certification in music education, you must complete prerequisite undergraduate work prior to admission into a graduate program which requires Level I certification.

For Information

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About Graduate Studies

West Chester University offers high-quality graduate degrees in more than 50 disciplines or areas of study, as well as certificate and certification programs. The graduate studies program has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1960. West Chester University's program is the largest within the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolling more than 2,000 graduate students.

West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides more than \$2,500 toward the cost of each Pennsylvania graduate student who attends. The University assists students who are eligible for employer reimbursement programs. Graduate students are often eligible for state and federal loans to assist with the cost of tuition and fees.

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A comprehensive, multipurpose institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification programs. More than 12,800 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the picturesque, 400-acre campus. Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester University is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.