

MUSIC: EDUCATION, BM

The Bachelor of Music: Education (BM) offers students the opportunity to become licensed music teachers in the State of Wisconsin. The degree is also a good comprehensive performance and music teaching degree that can be excellent preparation for teaching outside of the classroom, for graduate school, or for a career teaching at the college level.

This program offers two options: a specialty in Instrumental Music and a specialty in Choral Music. Regardless of chosen specialty, the BM degree requirements prepare students to teach in all areas of Music (K-12) instruction, including General Music. Upon completion of both the Bachelor of Music: Education and additional statutory and certification requirements, students may choose to apply for a Wisconsin teaching license in Music (K-12). Music Education is a program offered jointly by the School of Music and the School of Education. The Bachelor of Music: Education degree is conferred by the College of Letters & Science; teacher certification is earned through the School of Education.

The Bachelor of Music: Education curricula accomplish several important goals:

- Enable broad teaching certification for music instruction in Wisconsin's elementary and secondary schools, grades K through 12. Students may specialize in vocal or instrumental music, but all students successfully completing the program and additional certification requirements will qualify for certification in Music (K-12) in accordance with Wisconsin's PI 34 requirements as outlined by the Department of Public Instruction.
- Explore popular culture in music education. Graduates will be prepared to teach multiple forms of musical literacy, not just the traditional band, orchestra, and choral curriculum.
- Expand the number of musical styles studied in the curriculum. Students also participate in performance ensembles that reflect the diverse array of musical activities in today's schools.
- Offer an introductory music education class to sophomores prior to admission into the program.
- Provide instruction and experiences so that graduates can teach in culturally responsive ways.
- Increase performance collaboration between students in the instrumental and vocal options.
- Create an interdisciplinary program by including a core set of courses for all Bachelor of Music: Education students.
- Enable potential completion of the undergraduate degree in four years, including the final semester of student teaching.

Although these programs are designed with the goal of preparing teachers to work in K-12 schools, the programs also provide a good preparation for individuals seeking careers in continuing education or music education-related fields outside of the traditional K-12 teaching environment.