

A Guide to Success in the UWW Music Education Program

(updated January 2017)

Freshman Year

First Semester

- ✓ Come to the Music Education meeting.
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with your “advising grid” and other materials on the Department website
- ✓ Get to know your academic advisor.
- ✓ Be successful in all classes, including studio.
- ✓ Join professional organizations. Join NAFME (Collegiate National Association for Music Education Organization)!
- ✓ Attend Wisconsin Music Education Association Conference in Madison. Check the date of the conference on the WMEA website.
- ✓ Start volunteer, work in music educational settings to satisfy requirements “Experience with Learners” for admission to Professional Education.
 - **Students who wish to apply to Professional Education Program must complete hands-on experience with learners and professional service (within the context of music) prior to applying to the program.** Please note the following “number of hours” requirements:
 - Current Students - 250 hours. Transfer students - 150 hours.
 - A minimum of 50 of these hours must be in a music class with real children!
 - You can find information about “verification of experience with learners and professional service in music a context” and forms on music department website.

Second Semester

- ✓ BE CERTAIN to register for MUSDED 160 - *Introduction to Teaching Music*. Make sure acquire your observation hours during that class.
- ✓ Maintain your GPA. You will need a minimum **2.75** GPA to apply for Professional Education program!

Sophomore Year

First Semester

- ✓ Take and pass COMM 110 *Fundamentals of Speech*. To be eligible for admission to Professional Education, students must pass that course.
- ✓ Beginning with this Fall 2013 Regular Admission to Professional Education cycle students may apply using passing scores from either the PPST (Praxis I), ACT, SAT, or GRE.

The ACT Test

- Composite Score of 23 with minimum score of 20 on English, Math, and Reading
- Only accept scores from previous 10 years

Second Semester

- ✓ Watch the video on line-- Phase 2
 - <https://www.uww.edu/coeps/advising-admissions/admissions/phase-meetings>
- ✓ Pass your piano proficiency.
- ✓ Pass your upper division jury.
- ✓ Maintain your GPA.
- ✓ Keep volunteering and working in music educational settings. **You will need 250 hours** of verified experiences with learners to be able to apply for admission to Professional Education.
- ✓ The Choral-Keyboard Arranging class (451) is required of the Choral/General Music Ed students, and is offered every OTHER Spring. Next class – Spring 2018. PRE-REQUISITE = keyboard proficiency.
- ✓ String Music Education majors required to take one credit of MUSC 269-01 Alternative Styles String Ensemble

Junior Year

First Semester

- ✓ Take and pass 3 Pre-Block courses and Phase 2 portfolio:

EDFOUND 212 - *Educational Psychology*

EDFOUND 243 – *Education in a Pluralistic Society* This will include your Phase 2 portfolio.

EDFNDPRC 210 - *Observation & Participation*

- ✓ **Apply and be admitted to the Professional Education Program.**
<http://www.uww.edu/coeps/advising-admissions/admissions/prof-ed-admin>
- ✓ Make sure to have your 250 hours of verified experiences with learners.
- ✓ Renew CNAfME membership and go to WMEA.

Second Semester

- ✓ Keep maintaining your 2.75 GPA!
- ✓ Think about the opportunity of doing Undergraduate Research Project (not required). Check Undergraduate Research Website and contact your professors if you are interested to pursue it.
<https://www.uww.edu/urp>

Senior Year

First Semester

- ✓ Take and pass Methods courses and Field Study
- ✓ Pass the **Phase 3 portfolio** (either first or second semester).
 - UW-Whitewater requires successful completion before a student teaching placement will be made.
- ✓ This is also the “preferred” semester for your senior recital.
- ✓ Last semester of *Recital attendance*.
- ✓ E-mail or contact Dr. Holmes **one year in advance** of your student teaching.

✓ **Take and pass Praxis II.**

- The Praxis II Content Test is developed by Educational Testing Services (ETS). The website for ETS is <http://www.ets.org/praxis>
- UW-Whitewater requires successful completion of Praxis II before a student teaching or practicum placement will not be made.
 - Be sure you know the Praxis II deadline for your projected student teaching semester and for test registration. Check ETS Praxis web-site for the dates and testing centers information:
 - http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/centers_dates
- **Make sure to take a correct Praxis II test “Music: Content Knowledge” (5113)**
- Check ETS Praxis web-site for “Preparation Materials”
- <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5113>
- Where are Praxis II test results posted on your records?
 - Log on to your WINS account.
 - Click on Student Center.
 - Click on View Test Results-located under “*other academic*”.

The content of the test:

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| MUSIC 5113 | MUS 1 | Music History and Literature | 21 % |
| | MUS 2 | Music Theory | 21 % |
| | MUS 3 | Performance | 21 % |
| | MUS 4 | Music Learning, K-12 | 31 % |
| | MUS 5 | Professional Practices | 6 % |
| | OVER | Overall (Passing = 150) | |

- ✓ This is also the “preferred” semester for your senior recital and your last semester of Recital Attendance.
- ✓ E-mail or contact Dr. Holmes one year in advance of your student teaching.
- ✓ Renew CNAfME membership and attend WMEA conference.

Second Semester

- ✓ **Apply for graduation!** You must apply for graduation on-line through the Registrar’s Office a full semester beforehand. The website is:
<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation/apply-for-graduation>

- ✓ Finish **Phase 3 portfolio** (if you did not do it during first semester).
- ✓ E-mail or contact Dr. Holmes **one year in advance** of your student teaching.
- ✓ Set up your student teaching interview with Dr. Holmes one semester before your student teaching.
- ✓ Attend Phase 3 Meeting at the College of Education. You will receive e-mail from the Office of Field Experiences regarding the meeting time/place.
- ✓ Make an appointment with your advisor to verify everything is all set.

Post-Senior (Super-Senior) Year

- ✓ Come to the student teaching meeting at College of Education.
- ✓ Complete Directed Student Teaching. If you are instrumental/general music education major, you might student teach in the Spring.
- ✓ Pass Student Teaching Seminar.
- ✓ **Pass edTPA Portfolio. Passing the edTPA Portfolio (with the score 38 or higher) is a requirement for licensure in WI.** You will get all information about your student teaching and edTPA portfolio during special meetings and student teaching seminars.