



Post-Baccalaureate Music Education Licensure

We frequently accommodate students who have already received music degrees who seek licensure or additional licensure to teach music in the public schools. Every case is different, and students will generally be working with the Coordinator of Music Education ([Prof. Holmes](#)) to lay out a program of coursework. Returning students will generally need to fulfill four types of requirements:

1. Specific College of Education and State of Wisconsin requirements. Generally, this includes the three courses of what is generally called "pre-block" (EDFOUND 212 - Educational Psychology, EDFOUND 243 - Education in Pluralistic Society, and EDFNDPRC 210 - Observation and Participation) and SECNDED 466 Literacy Strategies. This is a total of 12 credits. Students may also need to take and pass the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST), and the four-phase portfolio requirements.
2. Specific Music Department requirements. These vary by certification (see more information [here](#)), your prior degree, and whether your degree was awarded from a National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)-accredited institution*. Generally speaking, we would expect you to take the coursework necessary for the degree that you did not take at your previous school. As noted, each case is individual, and we will work to set up a plan that allows you to be as efficient as possible while still fulfilling the requirements.
3. Prerequisites:
 - Students applying with a performance degree from a NASM-accredited institution only need to fulfill the UW-Whitewater music education licensure program requirements not met in their performance degree.
 - Students applying with a BA need to fulfill all the requirements of the UW-Whitewater Music Ed licensure and degree to include an audition, lessons, ensemble participation, coursework, juries, and recital.
 - Students applying from a non-NASM-accredited institution must go through the full audition process and fulfill all requirements of the UW-Whitewater Music Ed licensure and degree requirements.
 - Student Teaching. The capstone of your coursework will be a one-semester placement appropriate to the certification(s) you are seeking.

*NASM (National Association of Schools of Music) is a national accrediting agency for music and music-related disciplines that assure music schools meet high standards. If you are unsure of whether your former school was accredited, we can help.