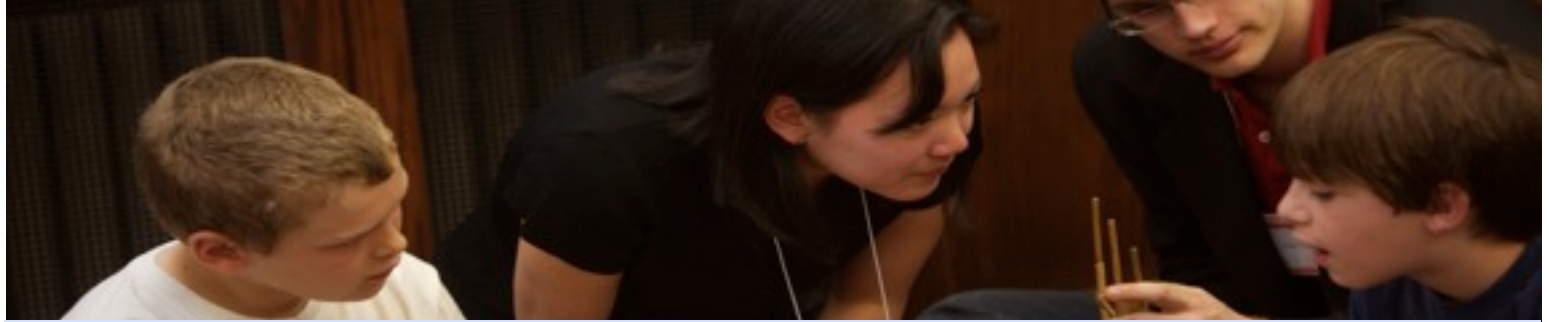


# Master of Music in Music Education

*Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music*



*Music education at the Bienen School of Music has a long and distinguished tradition. Graduate students study directly with faculty members who are noted for their teaching, research and leadership in the field. Through coursework in music education and other areas in the school, graduate students develop a comprehensive orientation to guide their work in elementary and secondary school settings. After completing master's study, many of our graduates pursue advanced degrees or professional roles in research, conducting, pedagogy, or administration.*

**There are three types of degree programs offered at Northwestern University: MM in Music Education, MM in Music Education with Certification, and the Four-Summer MM in Music Education.**

## **MM in Music Education**

The foundation of the MM curriculum is a core of four courses in the philosophy of music education, curriculum development, research methods, and technology. You will also select two courses as your primary area of teaching emphasis (instrumental, choral, general music, or other areas). The program allows for flexibility to choose six additional units of electives taken from a broad realm of courses in music education, music theory, musicology, music cognition, music technology, and other closely related fields. We also require that students participate in ensembles throughout their program. This one-year program is open to those who are already certified to teach.

## **MM in Music Education with Certification**

Students who do not already hold teaching certification may obtain it by completing the program requirements for the MM in Music Education in addition to course work that leads to certification in the state of Illinois. This includes methods classes, appropriate field experiences, and at least a quarter of full-time student teaching. The MM with certification program generally requires two years of full-time study, including one quarter of student teaching during the academic year. Therefore, it is not available to students in the four-summer master's program. Northwestern does not offer a certification-only program.

## **The Four-Summer MM in Music Education Program**

The four-summer MM allows music teachers who already hold teaching certification to complete a graduate program in four consecutive summers. Many program participants tell us that they appreciate the opportunity to obtain a high quality master's degree while still holding their academic-year teaching positions.

The curricular requirements are the same as those for the MM in Music Education participants. Graduate students typically take three courses each summer in addition to participating in the summer ensembles.

## *Faculty Listing*

Carlos Abril	Maud Hickey
Janet R. Barrett	James Kjelland
Robert Boyd	Peter R. Webster
Bernard Dobroski	

*Faculty portraits for music education can be found on the Bienen School of Music web site by selecting the first letter of the faculty member's last name.*



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## Frequently Asked Questions

This overview answers questions that prospective students typically ask about the MM in Music Education degree. The *Graduate Studies Handbook* of the School of Music will be provided to you when you begin your program.



**Q:** Who is eligible to apply for graduate study in music education?

**A:** Admission to graduate study in music at the Bienen School of Music requires a bachelor of music degree or its equivalent in an appropriate field.

**Q:** What are the specific admission requirements for the MM in Music Education degree program?

**A:** Applicants must submit an admission essay, a videotape or DVD of teaching and musicianship, a resume, and two letters of recommendation. An interview is also required. Specific details can be found by following this link: <http://music.northwestern.edu/programs/musiced.html#MMMusEd>

**Q:** Is an audition required? Can I take lessons on my major instrument or voice?

**A:** An audition is not required for admission to the MM in Music Education program. However, if you wish to take lessons as an elective for your program of study, an audition is required once you arrive on campus.

**Q:** I cannot submit a video of teaching because I have not taught yet. What should I do?

**A:** The purpose of the teaching video is to give faculty reviewers an idea of your accomplishments in teaching, as well as your potential. If you have access to students in an informal setting, such as private lessons, a community group, or small group sectionals, you can

submit a video to demonstrate how you interact with students in this setting. If working with students is not possible, you should submit a short statement to describe influences on your decision to teach and the kind of teacher you intend to become. Dr. Hickey or Dr. Barrett (see below) can help you tailor this admission requirement to your particular circumstances.

**Q:** How do I set up an interview? Can I visit campus?

**A:** An interview is required for admission. Interviews can be conducted by phone or in person if you plan to visit campus. We can suggest classes for you to observe as well. Once you have submitted your application, contact Dr. Hickey or Dr. Barrett to schedule a time for your interview or arrange a visit. (See e-mail address below.)

**Q:** When are deadlines and when are students admitted to the program?

**A:** The deadline for fall admission is December 1 of the preceding year. Applications must be postmarked by that date. The deadline for the summer program is April 1 for admission the same year. See the School of Music web site for the most current admission deadlines. Northwestern follows a quarter system. The fall term begins in mid-September; the summer session starts around the third week of June and finishes by the end of July or first of August.

**Q:** Is it possible to complete a double major?

**A:** Students may combine the music education master's degree with a master's program in another area within the School of Music (such as conducting or performance) to pursue a degree with two majors or emphases. Students must meet the requirements for admission of both programs. Double majors require additional quarters of study. See the School of Music web site for specific admission requirements: <http://www.music.northwestern.edu/programs/>

**Q:** Are there other combined programs?

**A:** The Music Education and String Pedagogy degree is intended for applicants who have already earned public school teaching certification. Applicants to this program must fulfill all admission and audition requirements for both Music Education and String Performance and Pedagogy. All String Performance and Pedagogy applicants must complete a performance audition. Please see the following links for specific requirements.

String Performance and Pedagogy:

<http://www.music.northwestern.edu/programs/stringpedagogy.html>

Students interested in Music Education and Piano Pedagogy must follow admission requirements for both the Music Education program (see above link), and the Piano Performance and Pedagogy program: <http://www.music.northwestern.edu/programs/pianopedagogy.html>

**Q:** Is a thesis required?

**A:** A thesis is not required as part of the MM in Music Education program. In place of a thesis, the capstone requirements for the program include an oral exam, teaching demonstration, and a portfolio, which includes three domain projects demonstrating your understanding of music theory, music history, and a scholarly area of your choice, with corresponding applications to teaching.

**Q:** Is financial aid available?

**A:** Financial aid is available for students enrolled during the academic year only. Eligible students in the summer program may qualify for federal loan assistance. Please see the following link for more specific information on graduate financial aid: <http://www.music.northwestern.edu/admission/finaid-grad.html>



For questions about the admissions process, financial aid, or deadlines, contact the Music Admissions Office at [musiclife@northwestern.edu](mailto:musiclife@northwestern.edu), 847-491-3141.

For questions about specific program requirements, the curriculum, or to set up an interview, contact Dr. Maud Hickey for the academic year/MM with Cert programs at [mhickey@northwestern.edu](mailto:mhickey@northwestern.edu), 847-467-4726 or Dr. Janet Barrett at [jbarrett3@northwestern.edu](mailto:jbarrett3@northwestern.edu), 847-467-1258 regarding the summer program.

For questions about the summer schedule or summer housing, call 47-491-7485.