

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

Master of Music Education

A Three-term, Summer-intensive Professional Degree Program (30 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Shenandoah Conservatory has served as a leader in music education since 1875. Our Master of Music Education degree is designed for the practicing music educator and features targeted study in pedagogy, scholarship and musicianship. The degree is uniquely designed to increase students' skills as reflective musician teachers. Part-time and summers-only programs of study are available to teachers who hold full-time teaching positions. The degree can be completed in three summers. Shenandoah Conservatory supports graduate study in music education through a substantial tuition discount.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for admission with a \$30 non-refundable application fee.
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Baccalaureate degree* – a Bachelor of Music or the equivalent with a minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Essay addressing your interest in the program and your professional goals (500 words).
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume.
 - Must include at least one full year of teaching experience at elementary or secondary school levels in a private or public school.

*Most applicants present a baccalaureate degree in music education and are licensed teachers. Specific teacher licensure requirements are generally met through an approved undergraduate degree. Applicants who do not hold licensure may be admitted under special circumstances.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
MUED 601	Research in Music Education	3
MUED 603	History and Philosophy of Music Education	3
MUED 605	Curriculum and Assessment in Music Education	3
MUED 620	Contemporary Issues in Music Education	3
MUCO 560	Rehearsal Techniques and Score Analysis	2
MUED 612	Psychology of Music Teaching and Learning	3
MULT/MUTC	Music Literature or Theory elective (3)	6
MUCC	Music Education Workshops	3
CONR 698	Research/Teaching Project	4
	Comprehensive Exam	Pass/Fail
	Total	30

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Summer Admission

START TERM(S): Summer Only
 MINIMUM GPA: 2.5 cumulative
 AUDITION: Not Required
 GRE: Not Required

Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process at the Conservatory Application Information page: www.su.edu/conapp.

Transfer Credits

Up to 9 graduate credits may be transferred when earned at an accredited institution. All transfer credit must fulfill curricular requirements or electives and have an earned grade of B- or higher.

All applied instruction must be completed at Shenandoah Conservatory – no transfer credit is accepted in this area. Based on a complete transfer credit analysis, the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies makes final decisions regarding transfer credit.

Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at www.naces.org/ and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

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Dr. Stephanie Standerfer
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Dr. Standerfer teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses that include choral/general music methods, curriculum, foundations, and research. K-12 public school music teaching in Colorado and Virginia informs her courses and research. She is an accomplished pedagogue, researcher, and author. She is also the author of *Line by Line: Progressive Staff Method Arrangements for Elementary Music Literacy*. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Colorado and both Master of Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Virginia.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS LEARN

Music education is essential to the Conservatory's mission to provide musicians from the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond with access to exceptional training. Students build on a solid foundation of experience while integrating theory and contemporary practice. The "summers-only" schedule allows practicing music educators to pursue a graduate degree during the summer months (mid-June to mid-July).

Music education students study assessment strategies, professional self-reflection of classroom practices, innovative curriculum and contemporary issues in music education. The program culminates with a research-based teaching project rather than a graduate thesis. Scholarly research unites the students' experience and the practice of teaching.

WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM UNIQUE

Classes are led by highly skilled master teachers who possess a breadth of experience in the classroom and the profession. Students gain professional insights as they interact with their music education colleagues in a tight-knit community.

"Shenandoah Conservatory has been preparing leaders in music education since 1875. I am proud to welcome our summer students to campus each year. These music teachers represent diverse backgrounds and teaching appointments and have a passion for music teaching and music learning. I am excited to see them explore new ideas and approaches to make their classrooms active music learning environments for their own students."

- Jeffrey Marlatt, Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs & Associate Professor of Music Education

The Master of Music Education program was ranked by Intelligent.com as the best master of music education degree program in the U.S.

SHENANDOAH CONSERVATORY

Shenandoah University's world-renowned Shenandoah Conservatory offers intense, specialized, professional training in music, theatre and dance. Students work with a faculty of active professionals as they develop artistically and intellectually for careers in the performing arts. Shenandoah Conservatory offers degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, artist diploma and doctoral levels and produces nearly 400 performances each year. More than 700 students are currently enrolled.

As a community uniquely committed to rigor, nurture, and innovation, Shenandoah Conservatory inspires artistic and scholarly excellence, preparing talented students for successful careers in the arts.