

Butler University  
Jordan College of Fine Arts

# Music Education

at

## Butler University

Butler University is a co-educational, independent, non-sectarian, urban university. It is committed to striving for excellence by providing high quality education for a select student body and to serving as a metropolitan center for culture and research. Butler is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a full member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM.) The university is licensed for teacher training by the State Department of Education in Indiana and all basic teacher education programs are approved by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE.)

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### JORDAN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Butler University's Jordan College of Fine Arts continues a 100-year tradition of educating students as emerging professionals in the arts. The music education program offers a Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education with an emphasis in Choral/General All-grade, Instrumental/General All-grade, and the Area All-grade major. Early and frequent field experiences in a variety of school settings including urban, suburban, and rural schools are integrated with a strong curriculum.

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### MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE OPTIONS\*

#### **Choral/General All-grade**

(4 year degree: 128 credit hours)

certifies a student for teaching choral and/or general music in grades K-12.

#### **Instrumental/General All-grade**

(4 year degree: 128 credit hours)

certifies a student for teaching Instrumental and/or general music in grades K-12.

#### **Area All-grade**

(5 year degree: 160 credit hours)

certifies a student to teach choral, instrumental, and general music in grades K-12. This degree program is for the student who is talented in both the vocal and instrumental area. It is a five-year degree and is equivalent to a double major.

The curricula in the music education program offers students the opportunity to choose electives in the field of music education, in an effort to mold the program to the needs and the desires of the students. These MUSED

electives include such topics as: Marching Band Techniques, Jazz Studies, Swing/Show Choir, Musical Theatre, Orff and Kodaly Methods, String Pedagogy, Instrument Repair, and others.

\*Copies of MUSED curricula can be downloaded from the music department website at:  
[http://www.butler.edu/music/mu\\_curricula.html](http://www.butler.edu/music/mu_curricula.html)

## **Graduate Degrees**

Butler also offers graduate degrees in music education. The Master of Music in Music Education is a 30-hour degree (with a thesis) or a 36-hour degree (without a thesis.)

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## **FIELD EXPERIENCES**

Field experiences are a critical part of teacher education programs. At Butler, beginning field experiences will help the student assess or reaffirm his/her commitment to the teaching profession, while later experiences assist the student in developing their philosophical and practical teaching skills. Field experiences are designed to be developmental, beginning with observations and continuing through internships and site-based courses in preparation for the full-time student teaching experience.

Our location offers urban, suburban and rural school settings within short driving distances. Butler's faculty has developed professional relationships with elementary, middle and high school music educators, which facilitate field experiences in all three social settings.

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## **STUDENT TEACHING**

Butler offers student teachers the opportunity to experience two different school settings for full-time student teaching. The student has two 8-week phases of student teaching, at different levels and in different types of schools. Student teaching may take place in either the fall or the spring semester of the senior year in a school that is within a 30 mile radius of Butler\*.

\*An exception to the 30 mile radius rule was instituted in 2006 when the music department enjoyed its first international student teaching experience. Andrew Knaup student taught in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong International School – a truly remarkable experience for all involved.

**All student teachers are placed in school settings specifically chosen for that particular student by the music education faculty in consultation with the Director of Student Personnel Services. Likewise, all music student teachers are supervised by music education faculty members in addition to faculty members from the College of Education.**

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## **THE BUTLER ADVANTAGE IN MUSIC EDUCATION**

- Class size, personal attention, and the opportunity to get to know your professors both in and out of class
  - An academic advisor in your major
  - Frequent and diverse field experience opportunities. (All grades, various school settings)
  - Performance opportunities
  - Butler's Collegiate Chapter of **MENC: The National Association of Music Education** is a recipient of state and national awards annually.
  - Butler's reputation in Music Education – our students are sought by school administrators.
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## THE MUSIC EDUCATION FACULTY

Dr. Daniel Bolin, Associate Professor

Dr. Tim Brimmer, Associate Professor and Director of Multimedia Learning Facility

Dr. Penny Dimmick, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Music Education

Dr. Robert Grechesky, Professor and Director of Bands

Professor Henry Leck, Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities

Professor David McCullough, Director of Athletic Bands

Professor Cheryl West, Adjunct Associate Professor in Music Education

### PLACEMENT RATE

**Butler's music education program enjoys a nearly 100% placement rate for the past fifteen years.** Music education alumni are making a difference in the lives of students in Indiana, the Midwest, across the country and across the world.

Students who plan to teach outside of Indiana experience very few problems in obtaining a teaching license in another state after securing their Indiana license. If you are planning to teach in another state, you are encouraged to discuss this with your academic advisor early in your career at Butler so that other state requirements can be built into your curriculum.



### QUESTIONS?

For the most current information on the music department at Butler, check our website at:

**<http://www.butler.edu/music/>**

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