

*Music Education Advising Facts
A Guide for Navigating the Bachelor of Science
in the Music Education Curriculum*

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All music education students are considered candidates for the BS in Music Education Degree or Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Teacher Licensing (certifying students to teaching music at the P-12 level in Maryland Public Schools and other states with reciprocal agreements) until they apply to and are admitted into the Music Education degree program, along with meeting the following Music Education requirement:

Additional requirements of the College of Education include the following. (Questions may also be directed to The Center for Professional Practice (CPP), Hawkins Hall, Room 303, 410-704-2567.)

1. Completion of at least 45 earned college units.
2. Earned 2.75 cumulative GPA for all postsecondary institutions attended (*applicable to students who matriculated to Towson University prior to Fall, 2017*).
3. Earned 3.00 cumulative GPA for all postsecondary institutions attended (*applicable to freshmen and transfer students who matriculated to Towson University in Fall, 2017*).
4. Completion of a notarized *Criminal History Disclosure Statement* of criminal background (<http://www.towson.edu/coe/centers/professionalpractice/documents/criminalhistory/disclosure.pdf>); free notary available in Hawkins Hall, 404F and 303; bring two (2) forms of picture ID) to be filed with the Music Education Division leader.
5. Standardized test scores that meet the Maryland State Department of Education Basic Skills Requirement. These scores can be found at:
http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/pages/dee/certification/testing_info/praxis1.aspx.

(During your music education interview, you will provide a copy of the test scores to the Music Education Division leader).

As of April 2019, The Maryland State Board of Education approved the acceptance of a 3.0 GPA in lieu of a passing score on an approved basic skills assessment when applying for a Maryland Educator Certificate. Because this is now a certification requirement, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher until graduation. A graduate must then provide evidence of an overall GPA of 3.0 in the major (all 120-128 units required for the degree). However if a student's GPA falls below the 3.0 requirement at the time of graduation, the student must meet the MSDE Basic Skills Assessment Requirement using one of the other possible options (e.g. Praxis Core, SAT, ACT, etc.).

For more information about the PRAXIS CORE go to www.ets.org. For a complete list of current assessment requirements, visit www.mdcert.org.

If you submitted scores with your Towson University application, you may submit a copy of scores listed on the bottom of your Student Center Page in PeopleSoft. (**Always keep a copy of your scores.** You will need them for teaching applications.)

Praxis Subject Assessments for Music required for Maryland Teaching Certificate and Licensure (usually completed during student internship (spring term of senior year) (www.ets.org).

State and Federal Criminal Background check REQUIRED before Student Internship.