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/dec/certification/testing_info/praxist.aspx.

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

If you do not have scores that are applicable, take the PRAXIS CORE www.ets.org.

The College of Education Praxis Tutoring Center (located in Hawkins Hall 303B) can provide tutoring services to anyone who is taking or has taken and not passed the PRAXIS Core (3 tests: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) test. They can help you with registering for the test, any and all math, reading and/or writing questions, going through the types of questions you might see, how to prepare for the test, and what to expect on the day of the test. To schedule a time go to: https://calendly.com/collegeofed/coe-tutoring/. If you have additional questions or concerns about an appointment or the Praxis, email TUCOEPraxisTutor@towson.edu.

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.