

Music Teaching Certification and Licensure

Teacher certification and licensure is a process separate from completing degree requirements. Music Education faculty review each student's request separately and determine whether the student meets requirements for licensure. These requirements include subject matter competence, pedagogical competence, and professional demeanor. While many of our music education students will receive state licensure at the end of their program, it is not a guarantee and within the purview of the faculty. Although your degree is in music, music education majors receive certification and licensure through the University of Utah, College of Education and the Utah State Office of Education. Advising matters regarding certification and licensure will be handled by the music education faculty in the School of Music. Instrumental music education majors should see Dr. Ely or Dr. Rawlings about matters concerning certification and licensure. Choral music education majors should see Dr. Mercado about matters concerning certification and licensure.

How to apply for a Utah teaching license (during Music Teaching Seminar):

Download the license application.

Fill out the application and bring it to the instructor of the Music Teaching Seminar, along with your Praxis II (Music - 5113) test scores. These scores must be in the full 3-page report, not the short summary. The College of Education will not process it unless it is the full report. The Music Education faculty will process your application with the College of Education, if you meet the licensure requirements.

After this, if your record is cleared (fingerprinting and Praxis has been taken care of), you will receive an e-mail (associated with your Cactus ID No.) letting you know that you can now go to the Utah State Office of Education website and pay your application fee.