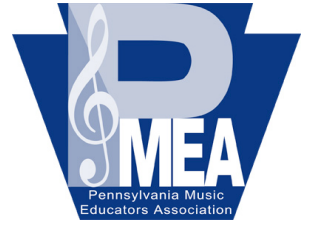


So you want to be a Music Education Major?



A music education degree requires:

- An understanding of the profession
- Strong academics
- Music performance skills
- A professional attitude
- An outgoing personality
- Leadership skills
- Completion of teaching observation and experience
- Teaching Certificate K-12 Music (state required certifications)
- Professional development

Academics:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above
- SAT scores that meet the requirements for your university of choice
- Time management skills
- Proper music education classes (choir, band, orchestra, music theory, etc)

Music Performance Skills:

- Private lessons in an instrument or voice
- Aural Skills-ability to hear and understand music fundamentals
- Music Fundamentals-pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, note reading, etc.
- Vocal Ability-able to sing on pitch
- Piano skills

Attitude:

- Passion for music; both study and performance
- Positive attitude and a team player
- Hard-working and dedicated attitude
- Ability to handle constructive criticism

Public speaking /leadership:

- Take an active role in your school's music department
- Mentor younger students in the music program at both an elementary and secondary level
- Assist with music selections
- Conduct an ensemble piece for your teacher
- Get involved in local theater and music productions

Resources

<https://www.pmea.net/council-for-ttrr/>

<https://auditioningforcollege.com/2011/11/07/guest-article-preparing-for-a-career-in-music-education/>

<https://www.alfred.com/blog/why-i-interviewed-musicians-before-pursuing-music-as-career/>