



*2018 Analysis of State Music Education Certification Practices in the United States*

State	Certificate Age Levels and Subject Areas	Levels and Length of Certification	Testing Requirements			Teacher Performance Assessment	Reciprocity		Fees	Updated
			General Skills Test	Content/Subject Specific Test	Pedagogical Knowledge		NASDTEC Member	Additional Coursework		
Alabama	P-12 Music, Choral Music P-12 Music, Instrumental Music	Professional Educator in three classes: Class B (Bachelor's); Class A (Master's); Class AA (Post-Master's); Initial certificates in each class valid for 5 years	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$30 application \$46.90 fingerprinting (in-state) \$54.90 fingerprinting (out-of-state)	September 25, 2018
Alaska	Music K-12	Initial (2-3 year) Professional (5-year) Master (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) or other approved exam (see website)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113) of Music Content and Instruction (5114)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Approved Alaska Studies and Multicultural/Cross-Cultural Communication Courses; Mandatory training on sexual abuse, suicide, dating violence, and alcohol and drug related disabilities (see website)	\$200 application \$60 fingerprinting	October 2, 2018
Arizona	Music PK-12	Standard (12-year)	None	Subject Knowledge Music portion of the Arizona Educator Exam (NES or AEP)	Assessment of Professional Knowledge (NES) for either elementary or secondary	No	Yes	Possible additional testing; Arizona Constitution; U.S. Constitution	\$60 application \$67 fingerprinting	July 11, 2017
Arkansas	Music K-12 Instrumental Music K-12 Vocal	Provisional (5-year) Standard (5-year) Lifetime	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$75 application \$39.75 fingerprinting & background (Coming Soon via website)	October 2, 2018
California	Music K-12, including preschool and classes organized primarily for adults	Single Subject Preliminary/Level I (5-year) Single Subject Clear/Level II (5-year)	One of the following: Cali Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET): Writing Skills, California State University (CSU) Early Assessment Program (EAP), or CSU placement examinations	California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET): Music	None	edTPA, CalTPA, or Fresno Assessment of Student Teachers (FAST)	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; CSET content exam; Reading instruction course; Developing English Language Skills; U.S. Constitution course or exam; Computer technology course	\$100 initial application \$100 renewal fee \$50 certificate of clearance Fingerprinting varies	October 2, 2018
Colorado	Music K-12	Initial (3-year) Professional (5-year) Master (7-year)	Program for Licensing Assessments for Colorado Educators (PLACE): Basic Skills	Program for Licensing Assessments for Colorado Educators (PLACE): Music, or Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$90 application (in-state) \$110 application (out-of-state) \$80 background check \$39.50 fingerprinting	October 3, 2018



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Connecticut	Music PK-12	Initial Educator Certificate (3-year) Provisional Educator Certificate (8-year) Professional Educator (5-year)	None	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$200 application Fingerprinting varies	August 20, 2018
Delaware	Music K-12	Initial (3-year) Continuing (5-year) Advanced (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	None	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$100 first time application	July 24, 2018
District of Columbia	Instrumental & Vocal P-12 Performing Arts – Music P-12	Initial (2-year) Standard (4-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$50 application \$18 fingerprinting	October 3, 2018
Florida	Music K-12	Temporary (3-year) Professional (5-year)	Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE): Mastery of General Knowledge	Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE): Music K-12	Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE): Professional Education Test	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$75 application	August 30, 2018
Georgia	Music P-12	Induction (3-year) Performance-Based Professional Certification (5-year) Standard Professional Certification (5-year) Advanced or Lead Professional (5-year)	Georgia Assessments for Certification (GACE): Basic Skills	Georgia Assessments for Certification (GACE): Music Content Assessment	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$20 application No fingerprinting required unless applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in another state	October 3, 2018
Hawaii	Music K-6 Music 6-12 Music K-12	Provisional (3-year non-renewable) Standard (5-year) Advanced (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (unless completed 30 hours of study)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$24 application + \$26 processing fee \$54 standard/advanced license + \$56 processing fee No fingerprinting	October 8, 2018
Idaho	Music 6-12 Music K-12	Initial (5-year) Standard (5-year)	None	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course	\$75 application \$34.75 fingerprinting	July 24, 2018
Illinois	Music K-12	Professional (5-year)	Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP), ACT, SAT, or state-approved basic skills test from another state	Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS): Music	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Special Education, ESL, Reading Instruction	\$100 application (in-state) \$150 application (out-of-state) \$10 annual registration fee per region or county	September 24, 2018
Indiana	Instrumental Music P-12 or 5-12 Vocal & General Music P-12 or 5-12	Initial Practitioner (2-year) Practitioner (5-year) Accomplished Practitioner (10-year)	Indiana Core Academic Skills Assessment (CASA), ACT, SAT GRE, Praxis I, or master's degree	Indiana Core Assessments for Educator Licensure: General Music, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music	Indiana Developmental/Pedagogy Exam	No	Yes	CPR/AED Certificate, Suicide Prevention Certificate	\$70 first time applicants \$35 application (in-state and out-of-state)	September 25, 2018
Iowa	Music K-8 and/or Music 5-12	Initial (2-year) Standard (5-year) Master Educator (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$85 application (in-state) \$145 application (out-of-state) \$75 fingerprinting	July 11, 2018
Kansas	Music PK-12 Instrumental PK-12 Vocal PK-12	Initial (2-year) Professional (5-year) Accomplished (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early	No	Yes (KPTP)	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$45 application (in-state) \$54 application (out-of-state)	August 16, 2018

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					Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12				\$50 fingerprinting	
Kentucky	P-12 Integrated Music P-12 Instrumental Music P-12 Vocal Music	Initial Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$85 application \$18 fingerprinting	October 8, 2018
Louisiana	Instrumental K-12 Vocal K-12	Level 1 (3-year) Level 2 (5-year) Level 3 (5-year) Out-of-State (3-year, non-renewable)	Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$50 application	September 25, 2018
Maine	Music K-12	Provisional (2-year) Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$100 application \$55 fingerprinting	July 24, 2018
Maryland	Music PK-12	Standard Professional I & II (5-year) Advanced Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$10 processing fee	July 24, 2018
Massachusetts	General Music All Levels Instrumental Music All Levels Vocal Music All Levels	Initial (5-year) Professional (5-year)	Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL): Communication & Literacy Skills	Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL): Music	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; MTEL exams only	\$100 application	October 8, 2018
Michigan	Music K-12	Standard (5-year) Professional (5-year) Advanced Professional (5-year)	None	Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC): Music Education	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$160 application (in-state) \$210 application (out-of-state or Advanced Professional)	October 8, 2018
Minnesota	Instrumental/Classroom Music K-12 Vocal/Classroom Music K-12	Tier I: 1-year, renew 3 times Tier II: 2-years, renew 3 times Tier III: 3-years, renew indefinitely Tier IV: 5-years, renew indefinitely	Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams: Basic Skills	Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams: Instrumental Music or Vocal Music	Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams: Pedagogy Test (Elementary or Secondary)	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Human Relations	\$89 initial application (includes fingerprinting and processing fee) \$57 all other applications	August 30, 2018
Mississippi	Music Vocal K-12 Music Instrumental K-12	Class A Educator License (Bachelor, 5-year) Class AA Educator License (Master, 5-year) Class AAA Educator License (Specialist, 5-year) Class AAAAA Educator License (Doctorate, 5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework		October 8, 2018
Missouri	Instrumental Music K-12 Vocal Music K-12	Initial Professional (4-year) Career Continuous (lifetime)	Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments: General Education Assessment (MoGEA)	Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments: Music Instrumental & Vocal	None	MEEES	No	Contact DESE for further info	\$100 application (out-of-state) \$43.05 fingerprinting	July 25, 2018
Montana	Music K-12	Class 5 Provisional (3-year) Class 2 Standard (5-year) Class 1 Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Online course: An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana	\$36 application \$24 application (provisional license) \$27.25 fingerprinting	October 15, 2018



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Nebraska	Music K-12	Initial (5-year) Standard (5-year) Professional (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Human Relations Training; Special Education Training	\$55 application (all schools) \$40 application (non-public schools) \$50 fingerprinting	October 17, 2018
Nevada	Music K-12 Secondary Instrumental Music 7-9 Secondary Instrumental Music 7-12 Secondary Vocal Music 7-9 Secondary Vocal Music 7-12 Secondary Instrumental & Vocal 7-9 Secondary Instrumental & Vocal 7-12	Initial/Standard (5-year) Professional (6-10 year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$161 application/fingerprinting	October 8, 2018
New Hampshire	Music K-12	Beginning Educator (3-year) Experienced Educator (3-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) OR Comparable test	Praxis II Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$130 application	September 6, 2018
New Jersey	Music K-12 (all grades)	Provisional (2-year) Standard (lifetime)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$95-190 application	October 8, 2018
New Mexico	Specialty PreK-12 with endorsement in performing arts	Level I (3-5 years) Level II (9-year) Level III (9-year)	New Mexico Teacher Assessments (NMTA): Essential Academic Skills I, II, and III	New Mexico Teacher Assessments (NMTA): Music	New Mexico Teacher Assessments (NMTA): Assessment of Professional Knowledge (Elementary or Secondary)	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$125 application \$44 fingerprinting	September 27, 2018
New York	Music PreK-12	Initial (5-year) Professional (5-year)	None	Content Specialty Test (CST) New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE)	Educating All Students (EAS)	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Harassment, Bullying, and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention	\$50 application \$102 fingerprinting	September 27, 2018
North Carolina	Music K-12	Professional Educator's Initial License (3-year) Professional Educator's Continuing License (5-year)	Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE), ACT, or SAT	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$70 application (in-state) \$100 application (out-of-state)	September 27, 2018
North Dakota	Music K-12	Initial In-State (2-year) Two-year Renewal First Five Year License (5-year) Five-year Renewal Other State Educator License (2-5 year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching and Learning: 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$70 License Fee \$30 Initial application fee \$44.50 fingerprinting	September 10, 2018

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		30-year Life License								
Ohio	Music PK-12	Resident Educator License (4-year) Professional (5-year)	None	Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) Content Knowledge Assessment: Music	Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE): Assessment of Professional Knowledge Multi-Age (PK-12)	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; 12 semester hours of coursework in the teaching of reading with on course in phonics.	\$160 application (4-year resident educator license) \$200 application (5-year professional license) Fingerprinting varies	August 16, 2018
Oklahoma	Music PK-12	Standard (5-year)	Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET)	Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT): Instrumental/General or Vocal/General	Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination (OPTE): PK-8 or 6-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Oklahoma Exams	\$50 application \$59 fingerprinting	August 16, 2018
Oregon	Music PK-12	Preliminary (3-year) Professional (5-year) Legacy (3-year)	None	Oregon Educator License Assessments (ORELA): Music	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Civil Rights Exam; Other ORELA Exams	\$140 application (in-state) \$190 application (out-of-state) \$55 fingerprinting	October 1, 2018
Pennsylvania	Music PK-12	Level I (6-year, non-renewable) Level II Lifetime	Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) or Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	None	Some colleges use edTPA but it is not required.	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$200 application (in-state) \$260 application (out-of-state)	July 25, 2018
Rhode Island	Music PK-12	Initial (3-year) Professional (5-year) Advanced (7-year)	None	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$100 initial application \$200 professional application	August 16, 2018
South Carolina	Music Education PK-12 Music Education: Choral PK-12 Music Education: Instrumental PK-12 Music Education: Piano PK-12 Music Education: Strings PK-12 Music Education: Voice	Initial (3-year) Professional (5-year) Alternative Route (1-year, may be renewed for 3 additional years upon continued employment and successful teaching)	Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	edTPA or PPAT	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$105.00 application \$50.50 fingerprinting	October 3, 2018
South Dakota	K-8 Elementary Music 5-8 Secondary Music K-12 Vocal Music K-12 Instrumental Music	Professional License (5-year) Advanced License (5-year)	None	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	No	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; South Dakota Indian Studies Course, Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training	\$60 application \$35 add an endorsement	October 18, 2018
Tennessee	Music K-12 Instrumental/General Music K-12 Vocal/General	Practitioner (3-year) Professional (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework		July 11, 2018
Texas	Music EC-12	Standard (5-year)	Texas Higher Ed Assessment (THEA)	Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TEXES) Music EC-12	Texas Examination of Educator	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$75 application (in-state) \$160 application (out-of-state)	August 23, 2018



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					Standards (TEXES) PPR EC-12				\$39 fingerprinting	
Utah	Elementary License: K-6 with Music Endorsement Secondary License: 6-12 or K-12 with Music Endorsement	Level I Basic (3-year) Level II Professional (5-year) Level III Distinguished (7-year)	None	Elementary – Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (#5001) Secondary – Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (#5113)	Praxis II – Principles of Learning and Teaching	State Standards for Performance Evaluation	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework – Must meet Utah requirements	No application fees Location specific fingerprinting cost (\$15-20)	August 17, 2018
Vermont	Music K-12	Level I (3-year) Level II (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content & Instruction	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$200 application	August 21, 2018
Virginia	Music PK-12 Instrumental Music PK-12 Vocal/Choral	Provisional (3-year) Collegiate Professional (5-year) Postgraduate Professional (5-year)	Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment (VCLA)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training; Emergency First Aid, CPR, and AED Training; Dyslexia Awareness Training	\$50 application (in-state) \$75 application (out-of-state)	October 18, 2018
Washington	General Music K-12 Choral Music K-12 Instrumental Music K-12	Residency (5-year) Professional (5-year)	Washington Educator Skills Test (WEST-B), or approved alternative	Washington Educator Skills Test (WEST-E): Choral, Instrumental, or General Music, or approved alternative	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$74 residency application \$64 professional application \$43 fingerprinting	October 18, 2018
West Virginia	Music PK-Adult	Professional Teaching/Student Support (3-year) Professional Teaching/Student Support (5-year) Permanent Teaching/Student Support	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$35 application (in-state) \$100 application (out-of-state) \$47.25 fingerprinting	July 11, 2018
Wisconsin	Choral Music K-12 Music (Vocal) K-12 General Music K-6 General Music 7-12 Instrumental Music K-12	Provisional (3-year) Lifetime Educator Master Educator (National Board Certification req.)	None	Determined by the Wisconsin educator program. University chooses one of the following:  Praxis Subject Skills Assessment: Music Content Knowledge  GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale  A content portfolio	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$125 application (in-state) \$175 application (out-of-state) \$39.25 fingerprinting	October 18, 2018
Wyoming	Music K-12	Standard (5-year)	None	None	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Wyoming Constitution	\$150 application (in-state) \$200 application (out-of-state) \$50 fingerprinting	October 3, 2018