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2020 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* <small>*Does not account for assessment fee (e.g., Praxis, edTPA, etc.)s</small>	Alternate Path to Licensure		State Certification Website:	Updated
			General Skills Test	Content/Subject Specific Test	Pedagogical Knowledge		NASDTEC Member	Additional Coursework		Yes/No	More information can be found at:		
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 II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$30 application \$46.90 fingerprinting (in-state) \$54.90 fingerprinting (out-of-state)	Yes	https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/home.aspx?navtext=Other%20Approaches	https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/home.aspx	June 2020
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) https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/praxis	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113) or 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) https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/certification/initial	\$200 application \$60 fingerprinting	Yes	https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/certification/typem	https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/	June 2020
Arizona	Music PK-12	Provisional (3-year) Standard (12-year)	None	Subject Knowledge Music portion of the Arizona Educator Exam (NES or AEP) – Not required if you have a degree in music	Assessment of Professional Knowledge (NES) for either elementary or secondary	No	Yes	Possible additional testing; Arizona Constitution; U.S. Constitution (3 credit course or take a test for \$40)	\$60 application \$67 fingerprinting	Yes	https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/forms-and-information/certificates/	https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/	June 2020
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 II: 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)	Yes	http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/public/userfiles/Educator_Effectiveness/Becoming_a_Teacher_or_School_Leader/2019/Arkansas_Educator_Licensure_infographic_updated_8_1_19_FINAL.pdf	http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/educator%20effectiveness/becoming-a-teacher-or-school-leader/routes-to-teacher-licensurepreparation	June 2020
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	Yes	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-empl-restricted	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/	June 2020
Colorado	Music K-12	Initial (3-year) Professional (5-year) Master (7-year)	None	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113) Program for Licensing Assessments for Colorado Educators (PLACE); Music – no longer given, scores will be accepted until May 6, 2022	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$90 application (in-state) \$110 application (out-of-state) \$80 background check \$39.50 fingerprinting	Yes	http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/path2alternate	http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof	June 2020
Connecticut	Music PK-12	Initial Educator Certificate (3-year) Provisional Educator Certificate (8-year) Professional Educator (5-year)	None	Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$200 application Fingerprinting varies	Yes	https://www.ctohe.org/ARC/	https://portal.ct.gov/sde/certification/bureau-of-certification	June 2020
Delaware	Music K-12	Initial (3-year) Continuing (5-year) Advanced (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$100 first time application	Yes	https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3666#defemg	https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification	June 2020
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) or passing scores on ACT, SAT, or GRE	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	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	Yes	https://osse.dc.gov/page/initial-teacher-credential	https://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher-certification	June 2020
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	Yes	http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/path-ways/routes/certified-teacher-or-administrator.stml	http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/	June 2020
Georgia	Music P-12	Induction (5-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	No longer requiring edTPA	Yes	Identifying and Educating Exceptional Children, Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment	\$20 application No fingerprinting required unless applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in another state	Yes	https://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/routesToInitialCertification.aspx	https://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/ProspectiveEducator.aspx	June 2020
Hawaii	Music K-12	Provisional (3-year non-renewable) Standard (5-year) Advanced (10-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	Institution-based portfolio or edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	None	Yes	http://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/wp-content/uploads/REQ-STANDARD-LICENSE-rev1-10-20.pdf	https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/	June 2020
Idaho	Music 6-12 Music K-12	Initial (5-year) Standard (5-year)	None	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course	\$75 application \$34.75 fingerprinting	Yes	https://www.americanboard.org/idaho/		June 2020



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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	Yes	https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-with-Stipulations.aspx	https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Information-System.aspx	June 2020
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)	Yes	https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/alternative-licensure-paths	https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/lvis	June 2020
Iowa	Music K-8 Music 5-12	Initial (2-year) Regional Exchange (2-year) Standard (5-year) Master Educator (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	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	Yes	https://iowateacherintern.org	https://boeie.iowa.gov	June 2020
Kansas	K-12 Choral K-12 Instrumental K-12 Vocal	Initial (2-year) Professional (5-year) Accomplished (10-year)	None	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes (KPTP)	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$60 Initial application,, adding endorsement, or upgrade to professional \$70 out of state/country application,, renew professional license \$85 accomplished application \$50 fingerprinting/background check	Yes	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/Postsecondary/Educator-Preparation/Restricted-Teaching-License-Alternative-Pathway	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation	June 2020
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 II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	Praxis II: Principles of Teaching & Learning K-6, or 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$85 application	Yes	http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=29	http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=29	June 2020
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 II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis II: Principles of Teaching & Learning – K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$50 application	Yes	https://louisianabelieves.com/teaching/pathways-to-teaching	https://louisianabelieves.com/	June 2020
Maine	Music K-12	Provisional (2-year) Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	If candidate has not completed a state-approved teacher preparation program, they are required to take Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Teaching exceptional students in the regular classroom	\$100 application \$55 fingerprinting	Yes	https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/initial	https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/	June 2020
Maryland	Music PK-12	Standard Professional I & II (5-year) Advanced Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	None	edTPA to start 2020-2021	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$10 processing fee	Yes	http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Program-Approval/MAAPP.aspx	http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx	June 2020
Massachusetts	Music Vocal/Instrumental/ General 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	?		http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/	June 2020
Michigan	Music PK-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)	Yes	https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_14795_83462---,00.html	https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_14795_83462---,00.html	June 2020
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	NES Essential Academic 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	\$90.25 initial application (includes fingerprinting and processing fee) \$57 existing license holders	Yes	https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/portfolio/	https://mn.gov/pelsb/	June 2020
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 AAAA Educator License (Doctorate, 5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	None	Yes	https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/Alternate	https://www.mdek12.org/OEL	June 2020
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	MEES	No	Contact DESE for further info	\$100 application (out-of-state) \$43.05 fingerprinting	Yes	https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/routes-certification	https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification	June 2020
Montana	Music K-12	Class 5 Provisional (3-year) Class 2 Standard (5-year) Class 1 Professional (5-year)	None	Praxis II: 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 first application \$30 renewal \$18 provisional license \$30 fingerprinting	Yes	http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/Licensure/License%20Options%20%282%29.pdf	http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Become-a-Licensed-Montana-Educator	June 2020
Nebraska	Music K-12	Initial (5-year) Standard (5-year) Professional (10-year) (Offers several new permits as of 6/2020)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	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	Yes	See Manual: Page 15 https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/TCERT-Manual.pdf	https://www.education.ne.gov/cert/	June 2020
Nevada	Music K-12 Secondary Instrumental Music 7-9 Secondary Instrumental Music 7-12	Initial/Standard (5-year) Professional (6-10 year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$180 application \$150 license renewal \$50 additional endorsements \$30 license extension	Yes	http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Effectiveness/Educator_Develop_Support/Educator_Preparati on/ARL_Candidates/	http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/	June 2020



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	Secondary Vocal Music 7-9 Secondary Vocal Music 7-12 Secondary Instrumental & Vocal 7-9 Secondary Instrumental & Vocal 7-12												
New Hampshire	Music K-12	Beginning Educator (3-year) Experienced Educator (3-year) Master Teacher Certificate (3-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) OR Comparable test	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$130 application	Yes	https://nhdoepm.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/CHD/pages/194019372/Site-Based+Licensing+Plans+Alternative+4+5+Overview	https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing	June 2020
New Jersey	Music PreK-12 (all grades)	Students graduating from a teacher preparation program receive a CEAS certificate (Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing) These two certificates come after a student has been given a position in a district: Provisional (2-year) Standard (lifetime)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) OR Adequate SAT, ACT, or GRE scores	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$95-190 application -- a 2015 document says \$170, but it is unclear if that includes all current fees including fingerprinting and background checks	Yes	Certificate of Eligibility (CE): https://www.nj.gov/education/rpr/preparation/programs.shtml	https://www.nj.gov/education/license/	June 2020
New Mexico	Specialty PK-12 with endorsement in performing arts with a concentration: Music	Level I (3-5 years) Level II (9 years) Level III (9 years)	New Mexico Teacher Assessments (NMTA): Essential Academic Skills I, II, and III Available through December 2020 Switching to Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators by September 2020	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis: Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6; or Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12;	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$150 application \$44 fingerprinting	Yes	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/alternative-licensure-programs-opportunities/	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/	June 2020
New York	Music PK-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, Child Abuse Identification, Dignity For All Students Act	\$50 based on completion of a New York State approved program \$100 using all other pathways. \$101.75 fingerprinting	Yes	http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/cerhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do	http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/cerhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do	June 2020
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 II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$70 application (in-state) \$100 application (out-of-state)	Yes	https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educator-preparation/alternative-preparation-pathways	https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educator-preparation	June 2020
North Dakota	Music PK-12	Initial In-State (2-year) Two-year Renewal First Five Year License (5-year) Other State Educator License (2-5 year) 30-year Life License	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis: Principles of Learning and Teaching 5-9 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$75 initial License Fee \$30 Initial Application fee \$44.50 fingerprinting \$130 5 year or 30 year license	Yes	https://www.cte.nd.gov/teacher-licensing	https://www.nd.gov/espblicensure/american-board	June 2020
Ohio	Music PK-12	Resident Educator License (4-year) Professional (5-year)	OAE 004 Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (P-12)	Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) Content Knowledge Assessment: Music	Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE): Assessment of Professional Knowledge Multi-Age (PK-12)	Successful completion of a National Teacher Performance Based Assessment approved by ODHE will be accepted as an alternative to the written Assessment of Professional Knowledge Exam beginning July 1, 2020	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	Yes	http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/License/Resident-License-Options	https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching	June 2020
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 \$57.25 fingerprinting	Yes	https://sde.ok.gov/alternative-paths-teacher-certification	https://sde.ok.gov/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification	June 2020
Oregon	Music PK-12	Preliminary (3-year) Professional (5-year) Teacher Leader (5-year)	None	Oregon Educator License Assessments (ORELA): Music	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Civil Rights Exam; Other ORELA Exams	\$182 eLicensing Fee \$73.50 fingerprinting	No	N/A	https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Pages/default.aspx	June 2020
Pennsylvania	Music PK-12	Level I (6-year, non-renewable) Level II Lifetime	Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA), ACT, SAT, or ETS-Core Praxis II: Fundamental Subjects – Content Knowledge (5511)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	PDE-430	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$200 application (in-state) \$260 application (out-of-state)	Yes	https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/BecomeAnEducator/Intern/Pages/default.aspx	https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx	June 2020



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Rhode Island	Music PK-12	Initial (3-year) Professional (5-year) Advanced (7-year)	None	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: K-6 or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$100 application	Yes	https://cpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/sites.providence.edu/dist/c/13/files/2018/01/GRCI_Pathway_Protocol-16dupub.pdf	https://www.ride.ri.gov/TeachersAdministrators/EducatorCertification/PathstoCertification.aspx	June 2020
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 II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	edTPA, PPAT, or SC Rubric 4.0 (depending on the institution/district)	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$105.00 application \$50.50 fingerprinting	Yes	https://ed.sc.gov/educators/alternative-certification/programs/	https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/	June 2020
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 II: 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	Yes	https://doe.sd.gov/certification/AltCertRoutes.aspx	https://doe.sd.gov/certification/	June 2020
Tennessee	Music K-12 Instrumental/General Music K-12 Vocal/General	Practitioner (4-year) Professional (7-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) OR ACT min of 21 OR SAT min of 1080	Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	Not required as of 1/1/2019	edTPA score of 40 or above until 12/31/2020 and 42 or above 1/1/2021	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework		Yes	https://www.tn.gov/education/licensing/educator-preparation.html Educator Preparation Program must be completed, but some flexibility as to when	https://www.tn.gov/education/licensing.html	June 2020
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 Standards (TEXES) PPR EC-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$75 application (in-state) \$160 application (out-of-state) \$39 fingerprinting	Yes	https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/preparation-and-continuing-education/becoming-a-certified-texas-educator-through-an-alternative-certification-program	https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/initial-certification	June 2020
Utah	Elementary or Secondary License with a K-6, 6-12, or K-12 Music Endorsement	Professional Educator License (5-year)	None	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	None	edTPA or PPAT	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Educator Ethics, Special Education Law and Instruction, Classroom Management and Instruction, and Utah Effective Teaching Standards	No application fees Location specific fingerprinting cost (\$15-20)	Yes	https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earring	https://secure.utah.gov/elr/welcome.html?r=710101985	June 2020
Vermont	Music K-12	Level I (3-year) Level II (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)	None	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$200 application	Yes	https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure/become-a-vermont-educator/alternative-route	https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure	June 2020
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 II: 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	\$100 application (in-state) \$150 application (out-of-state)	Yes	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agen/v20/chapter23/section90/	http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/	June 2020
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	General: NES exam Choral and Instrumental: Washington Educator Skills Test (WEST-E)	None	edTPA	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$74 residency application \$64 professional application \$54 add endorsement (+\$15 for each additional endorsement) \$43 fingerprinting	Yes	https://www.pesb.wa.gov/pathways/alternative-routes-to-teacher-certification	https://www.k12.wa.us/certification	June 2020
West Virginia	Music PK-Adult	Professional (5-year)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)	Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12	No	Yes	Possible additional testing and/or coursework	\$25 application Fingerprinting varies by location	Yes	https://wyde.us/educator-quality-and-effectiveness/recruitment-and-retention/#tab-b7a590efaa4088fe0e9	https://wyde.us/certification/certification-info/	June 2020
Wisconsin	Music (instrumental) K-12 Instrumental Music K-12 Music (vocal) K-12 Choral Music K-12 General Music K-6 General Music 7-12	Provisional (3-year) Lifetime Educator (background check every 5 years) Master Educator (National Board Certification req.)	Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)	Determined by the Wisconsin educator program. University chooses one of the following: Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113) 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) \$23.75 fingerprinting	Yes	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/pathways-licensure/teachers#Alternative%20Route%20Pathway	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing	June 2020
Wyoming	Music K-12	Standard (4-year)	None	None	None	No	No	Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Wyoming Constitution	\$150 application (in-state) \$200 application (out-of-state) \$50 fingerprinting	No	https://wyoingpsts.com/education-resources/alternative-licensing-programs/	https://wyoingpsts.com/	June 2020