SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

Master of Music Education

A Three-term, Summer-intensive Professional Degree Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Shenandoah Conservatory has served as a leader in music education since 1875. Our Master of Music Education degree is designed for the practicing music educator and features targeted study in pedagogy, scholarship and musicianship. The degree is uniquely designed to increase students' skills as reflective musician teachers. Part-time and summers-only programs of study are available to teachers who hold full-time teaching positions. The degree can be completed in three summers. Shenandoah Conservatory supports graduate study in music education through a substantial tuition discount.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Graduate Application for admission with a $30 non-refundable application fee.
- ☐ Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree – a Bachelor of Music or the equivalent with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) prior to admission into the program. Most applicants present a baccalaureate degree in music education and are licensed teachers. Specific teacher licensure requirements are generally met through an approved undergraduate degree. Applicants who do not hold licensure may be admitted under special circumstances.
- ☐ An essay (500 words) addressing the applicant's professonal goals and intent for joining the program.
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae/Resume – must include at least one full year of teaching experience at elementary or secondary school levels in a private or public school.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
MUED 601	Research in Music Education	3
MUED 603	History and Philosophy of Music Education	3
MUED 605	Curriculum and Assessment in Music Education	3
MUED 620	Contemporary Issues in Music Education	3
CONR 698	Research/Teaching Project	4
MUCO 563 MUCO 564	Advanced Choral Conducting OR Advanced Instrumental Conducting	2
MUPP 603	The Musician Teacher	3
	Music Literature Elective	2
	Music Theory Elective	2
	Music Literature or Theory Elective	2
MUCC	Music Education Workshop	3
	Comprehensive Exam	Pass/Fail
	Total	30

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Summer Admission

START TERM: Summer Only
MINIMUM GPA: 2.5 cumulative
AUDITION: Not Required
GRE: Not Required

Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process at: https://www.applyweb.com/apply/sug/

Transfer Credits

Up to 9 graduate credits may be transferred when earned at an accredited institution. All transfer credit must fulfill curricular requirements or electives and have an earned grade of B- or higher.

Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at http://www.naces.org.

Contact Us

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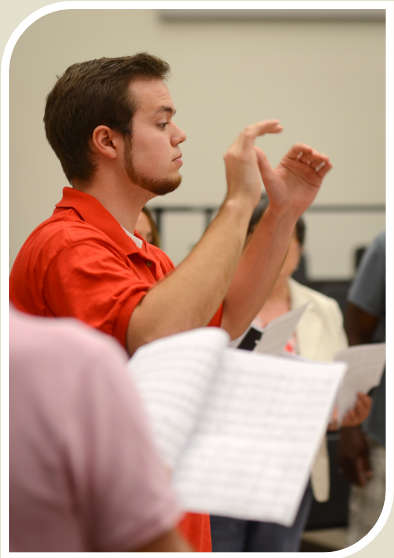
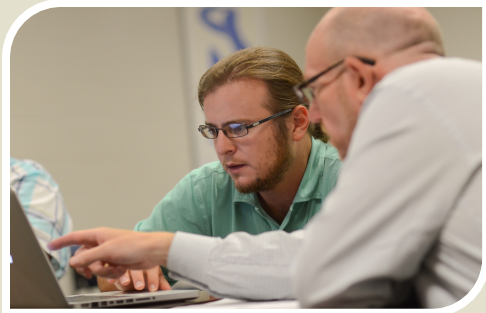
Dr. Jeffrey Marlatt
Director of Music Education

Dr. Marlatt teaches undergraduate- and graduate-level choral/general music methods courses and music research courses. He joins the Conservatory faculty after eighteen years of teaching in elementary, middle school, high school and collegiate music programs in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. His teaching includes both public and independent school settings. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Butler University, a Master of Music from Northwestern University and a Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education from Temple University.





SHENANDOAH CONSERVATORY

Shenandoah University's Shenandoah Conservatory offers intense, specialized, professional training in music, theatre and dance. Students work with a faculty of active professionals as they develop artistically and intellectually for careers in the performing arts. Fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), Shenandoah Conservatory offers more than 60 degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, artist diploma and doctoral levels and produces nearly 400 performances each year. More than 700 students are currently enrolled.

Shenandoah Conservatory's mission is to unite aspiring artists and scholars with distinguished and caring faculty in a community that prepares individuals for meaningful, satisfying careers in the arts.

Distinguished Faculty

Classes are led by highly skilled master teachers who possess a breadth of experience in the classroom and the profession. Students gain professional insights as they interact with their music education colleagues in a tight-knit community.

"Shenandoah Conservatory has been preparing leaders in music education since 1875. I am proud to serve as Director of Music Education at Shenandoah Conservatory and am also proud to welcome our summer students to campus each year. These music teachers represent diverse backgrounds and teaching appointments and have a passion for music teaching and music learning. I am excited to see them explore new ideas and approaches to make their classrooms active, music learning environments for their own students."

- Jeffrey Marlatt, Director of Music Education

Master of Music Education Curriculum

Music education is essential to the Conservatory's mission to provide musicians from the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond with access to exceptional training. Students build on a solid foundation of experience while integrating theory and contemporary practice. The "summers-only" schedule allows practicing music educators to pursue a graduate degree during the summer months (mid-June to mid-July).

Music education students study assessment strategies, professional self-reflection of classroom practices, innovative curriculum and contemporary issues in music education. The program culminates with a research-based teaching project rather than a graduate thesis. Scholarly research unites the students' experience and the practice of teaching.