



2023 Analysis of State Music Education Certification Practices in the United States (as of June 8, 2023)

| State                | Certificate Age Levels and Subject Areas                                   | Levels and Length of Certification   | Testing Requirements   |   |  | Teacher Performance Assessment                                 | Reciprocity |  | Fees (Does not account for assessment fee (e.g., Praxis, edTPA, etc.))                                 | Alternate Path to Licensure |   | State Certification Website (see also <a href="https://www.nasdtc.net/page/State_Directory_Map">https://www.nasdtc.net/page/State_Directory_Map</a> )   |
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|                      |  |  | General Skills Test  | Content/Subject Specific Test   | Pedagogical Knowledge  |  | Yes/No      | Additional Coursework  |  | Available                   | 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 | Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program: Basic Skills Assessment first, which measures competency in reading, writing, and mathematics. 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<br>\$46.90 fingerprinting (in-state)<br>\$54.90 fingerprinting (out-of-state)         | Yes                         | <a href="https://www.alabamacheives.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/alternative-certificates/">https://www.alabamacheives.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/alternative-certificates/</a> | <a href="https://www.alabamacheives.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/">https://www.alabamacheives.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/</a>   |
| 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   | 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)                             | \$200 application<br>\$60 fingerprinting   | Yes                         | <a href="https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification/certification/types/">https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification/certification/types/</a>   | <a href="https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification/">https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification/</a>   |
| Arizona              | Music PK-12  | Provisional (3-year) Standard (12-year)  | None   | Subject Knowledge: Music (NT504) Exam (AEP/NES)                                   | Professional Knowledge Exam (AEP/NES) - Elementary Education, (NT051) or Secondary Education, (NT052). | No   | Yes         | Possible additional testing and/or coursework for Educator Certification: Deficiency Removal<br>1) Ethics - Take a college/university course or Board-approved training;<br>2) Arizona Constitution and U.S. Constitution - Take a college/university course or the test (AZ033) | \$60 application<br>\$67 fingerprinting<br>\$20 Deficiency Removal                                     | Yes                         | <a href="https://www.azed.gov/node/27129">https://www.azed.gov/node/27129</a>   | <a href="https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/">https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/</a>   |
| 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<br>\$39.75 fingerprinting & background (Coming Soon via website)                      | Yes                         | <a href="https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/pathways-to-licensure">https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/pathways-to-licensure</a>                       | <a href="https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/educator-licensure-%20effectiveness/becoming-a-teacher-or-school-leader/routes-to-teacher-licensurepreparation">https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/educator-licensure-%20effectiveness/becoming-a-teacher-or-school-leader/routes-to-teacher-licensurepreparation</a> |
| 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<br>\$50 certificate of clearance<br>Fingerprinting varies  | Yes                         | <a href="https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-credentials">https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-credentials</a>   | <a href="https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-credentials">https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-credentials</a>   |
| Colorado             | Music K-12   | Initial (3-year) Professional (5-year) Master (7-year)   | None   | Praxis II: Music (Grades K-12) (5113)   | None   | No   | Yes         | Possible additional testing and/or coursework; 24 semester hours of specific coursework as outlined on the worksheet provided  | \$90 application (in-state)<br>\$110 application (out-of-state)<br>\$18 Identity History Summary Check | Yes                         | <a href="https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/allteacheroverview">https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/allteacheroverview</a>   | <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof</a>   |
| Connecticut          | Music PK-12  | Initial Educator Certificate (3-year) Provisional Educator Certificate (8-year) Professional Educator (10-year)  | None   | Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)                                     | None   | edTPA, but requirement is ending July 1, 2024                  | Yes         | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$50 application, Fingerprinting varies, Official transcripts  | Yes                         | <a href="https://ohe.ct.gov/ARC/">https://ohe.ct.gov/ARC/</a>   | <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/sde/certification/bureau-of-certification">https://portal.ct.gov/sde/certification/bureau-of-certification</a>   |
| Delaware             | Music K-12   | Initial (4-year) Continuing (5-year) Advanced (10-year)  | Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)  | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)   | None   | No   | Yes         | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$100 first time application   | Yes                         | <a href="https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3495">https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3495</a>   | <a href="https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification">https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification</a>   |
| District of Columbia | Instrumental & Vocal P-12 Performing Arts - Music P-12                     | Initial (3-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<br>\$18 fingerprinting  | Yes                         | <a href="https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials">https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials</a>   | <a href="https://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher-certification">https://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher-certification</a>   |



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| Florida   | Music K-12  | Temporary (3-year)<br>Professional (5-year)   | Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE): General Knowledge Test (GK)    | Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE): Subject Area Knowledge (Music K-12)            | Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE): Professional Education Test (PED)   | No  | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$75 application<br>\$24 Florida Criminal History Record Check<br><br>Fingerprint background screening - Applicants may incur a fingerprint processing fee, applicable retention fees and/or additional costs assessed by individual school districts and livescan service providers. | Yes | <a href="https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/prepareparation/">https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/prepareparation/</a>   | <a href="https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/">https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/</a>   |
| Georgia   | Music P-12  | Induction (5-year)<br>Performance-Based Professional Certification (5-year)<br>Standard Professional Certification (5-year)<br>Advanced or Lead Professional (5-year) | Georgia Assessments for Certification (GACE): Basic Skills                        | Georgia Assessments for Certification (GACE): Music Content Assessment                            | None   | No edTPA  | Yes | Identifying and Educating Exceptional Children, Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment   | \$20 application<br>No fingerprinting required unless applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in another state  | Yes | <a href="https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/provisional.aspx">https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/provisional.aspx</a>   | <a href="https://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/P/ProspectiveEducator.aspx">https://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/P/ProspectiveEducator.aspx</a>   |
| Hawaii    | Music K-12  | Provisional (3-year non-renewable)<br>Standard (5-year)<br>Advanced (10-year)   | Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)                               | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)   | None   | No  | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | None  | Yes | <a href="https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/">https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/</a>   | <a href="https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/permits-and-license-types/">https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/permits-and-license-types/</a> |
| Idaho     | Music 5-12<br>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<br>\$28.25 fingerprinting  | Yes | <a href="https://www.sde.idaho.gov/be-an-educator/files/non-trad/Non-Traditional-Routes-Summary.pdf">https://www.sde.idaho.gov/be-an-educator/files/non-trad/Non-Traditional-Routes-Summary.pdf</a>   | <a href="https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/index.html">https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/index.html</a>   |
| Illinois  | Music PK-12   | Professional (5-year)   | None  | Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS): Music   | None   | edTPA (required again starting on January 2024) | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods; Reading Methods: Reading in the Content Area; ESL/Bilingual Methods. | \$100 application (in-state)<br>\$150 application (out-of-state)<br>\$10 annual registration fee per region or county   | Yes | <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ELAlternativeLicense.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ELAlternativeLicense.aspx</a>   | <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/EducatorLicense.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/EducatorLicense.aspx</a>   |
| Indiana   | Instrumental Music P-12 or 5-12<br>Vocal & General Music P-12 or 5-12 | Initial Practitioner (2-year)<br>Practitioner (5-year)<br>Accomplished Practitioner (10-year)   | Practice Core Academics Skills for Educators Test<br>Praxis I, or master's degree | Praxis -> Music: Vocal & General Knowledge (5116); Music: Instrumental & General Knowledge (5115) | Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12   | No  | Yes | CPR/AED Certificate, Suicide Prevention Certificate  | \$35 for each Educator License or Permit<br>\$35 for an Evaluation (Out-of-State, Non-US Graduates, and Alternative Certification Paths)<br>\$15 for a Substitute Permit  | Yes | <a href="https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/alternative-licensure-paths/">https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/alternative-licensure-paths/</a>   | <a href="https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/">https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/</a>   |
| Iowa      | Music K-8<br>Music 5-12   | Initial (2-year)<br>Regional Exchange (2-year)<br>Standard (5-year)<br>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)<br>\$145 application (out-of-state)<br>\$75 fingerprinting  | Yes | <a href="https://boee.iowa.gov/enter-teaching-profession-iowa">https://boee.iowa.gov/enter-teaching-profession-iowa</a>   | <a href="https://boee.iowa.gov/licenses/you-begin">https://boee.iowa.gov/licenses/you-begin</a>   |
| Kansas    | K-12 Choral<br>K-12 Instrumental<br>K-12 Vocal                        | Initial (2-year) Professional (5-year) Accomplished (10-year)   | Core Academic Skills for Educators  | 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  | \$60 Initial application,, adding endorsement, or upgrade to professional<br>\$70 out of state/country application,, renew professional license<br>\$85 accomplished application<br>\$50 fingerprinting/background check  | Yes | <a href="https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-TL/Postsecondary/Educator-Preparation/Restricted-Teaching-License-Alternative-Pathway">https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-TL/Postsecondary/Educator-Preparation/Restricted-Teaching-License-Alternative-Pathway</a> | <a href="https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation">https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation</a>               |
| Kentucky  | P-12 Integrated Music<br>P-12 Instrumental Music<br>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 | <a href="http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=29">http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=29</a>   | <a href="http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=29">http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=29</a>   |
| Louisiana | Instrumental K-12<br>Vocal K-12                                       | Level 1 (3-year)<br>Level 2 (5-year)<br>Level 3 (5-year)<br>Out-of-State (3-year, non-renewable)  | None  | 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 | <a href="https://louisianabelieves.com/teaching">https://louisianabelieves.com/teaching</a>   | <a href="https://louisianabelieves.com/teaching">https://louisianabelieves.com/teaching</a>   |
| Maine     | Music K-12  | Provisional (2-year)<br>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<br>\$55 fingerprinting  | Yes | <a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert">https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert</a>   | <a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert">https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert</a>   |



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| <b>Maryland</b>      | Music PK-12   | Standard Professional I & II (5-year)<br>Advanced Professional (5-year)  | Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) *Those teacher candidates who submit a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on their most recently earned degree are not required to submit a basic skills assessment | Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)                         | None   | edTPA                        | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$10 processing fee   | Yes | <a href="https://marylandpublicschools.org/About/Pages/DEE/Program-Approval/MAAPP.aspx">https://marylandpublicschools.org/About/Pages/DEE/Program-Approval/MAAPP.aspx</a>   | <a href="http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx">http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/index.aspx</a> |
| <b>Massachusetts</b> | 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   | Yes | <a href="https://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=26780">https://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=26780</a>   | <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/">http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/</a>   |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | Music PK-12   | Standard (5-year) Professional (5-year) Advanced Professional (5-year)   | None  | Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC): Music Education (099) | None   | No                           | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$160 Standard Teaching Certificate (in-state)<br>\$210 Standard Teaching Certificate (out-of-state/out-of-country)<br>Other fees:<br><a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance/application-fees">https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance/application-fees</a> | Yes | <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance/becoming-a-teacher/alternative-routes-to-teacher-cert-or-endorsement">https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance/becoming-a-teacher/alternative-routes-to-teacher-cert-or-endorsement</a> | <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mde/Services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance">https://www.michigan.gov/mde/Services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance</a>                     |
| <b>Minnesota</b>     | Instrumental/Classroom Music K-12<br>Vocal/Classroom Music K-12                 | Tier I: 1-year, renew 3 times<br>Tier II: 2-years, renew 3 times<br>Tier III: 3-years, renew indefinitely<br>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)<br>\$57 existing license holders   | Yes | <a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/portfolio/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/portfolio/</a>   | <a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/</a>   |
| <b>Mississippi</b>   | Music Vocal K-12<br>Instrumental K-12   | Class A Educator License (Bachelor, 5-year)<br>Class AA Educator License (Master, 5-year)<br>Class AAA Educator License (Specialist, 5-year)<br>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 | <a href="https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/Alternate">https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/Alternate</a>   | <a href="https://www.mdek12.org/OEL">https://www.mdek12.org/OEL</a>   |
| <b>Missouri</b>      | Instrumental Music K-12<br>Vocal Music K-12                                     | Initial Professional (IPC; 4-year)<br>Career Continuous (lifetime)<br>Provisional (2-year)<br>Temporary (1-year renewable)   | Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments: General Education Assessment (MoGEA Reading, Writing, Mathematics)   | Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments: Music Instrumental & Vocal     | None   | MEEES for Teacher Candidates | Yes | In most cases, a Missouri certificate is issued with no further coursework or test requirements.                     | \$100 processing for out-of-state certificate holders.<br>Finger prints/background check<br>\$41.75 fingerprinting  | Yes | <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/routes-certification">https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/routes-certification</a>   | <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification">https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification</a>   |
| <b>Montana</b>       | Music K-12  | Class 5 Provisional (1-3 years);<br>Class 1 Professional/Masters Degree (5-year);<br>Class 2 Standard (5 years)  | 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 initial fee, \$30 renewal  | Yes | <a href="https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Educator-Licensure/Educator-Licensure#9389210446-class-5-provisional-teaching-licenses">https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Educator-Licensure/Educator-Licensure#9389210446-class-5-provisional-teaching-licenses</a>                       | <a href="http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Become-a-Licensed-Montana-Educator">http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Become-a-Licensed-Montana-Educator</a>           |
| <b>Nebraska</b>      | Music K-12  | Initial (5-year) Standard (5-year) Professional (10-year)<br>(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                  | \$75 application (all schools)<br>\$55 application (non-public schools)<br>\$50 fingerprinting  | Yes | <a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/teaching-certificates/teaching-alternative-permit/">https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/teaching-certificates/teaching-alternative-permit/</a>   | <a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/">https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/</a>   |
| <b>Nevada</b>        | Music K-12;<br>Secondary Instrumental Music 7-12;<br>Secondary Vocal Music 7-12 | Standard (5-year) Professional (6-10 year),<br>Retiree (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 | No additional coursework   | \$180 new application<br>\$150 license renewal<br>\$50 additional endorsements<br>\$30 license extension; [Discount for Veterans/Spouses]   | Yes | <a href="https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Effectiveness/Educator_Development_Support/Educator_Preparation/ARL_Candidates/">https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Effectiveness/Educator_Development_Support/Educator_Preparation/ARL_Candidates/</a>   | <a href="http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/">http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/</a>   |
| <b>New Hampshire</b> | Music K-12  | Beginning Educator (3-year)<br>Experienced Educator (3-year)<br>Master Teacher Certificate (3-year)  | Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)<br>OR<br>Comparable test  | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)                             | None   | No                           | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$130 application   | Yes | <a href="https://nhdoepm.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/CHD/pages/194019372/State-Based+Licensing+Plan+SBLP+Overview">https://nhdoepm.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/CHD/pages/194019372/State-Based+Licensing+Plan+SBLP+Overview</a>   | <a href="https://nhdoepm.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/CHD/overview">https://nhdoepm.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/CHD/overview</a>   |
| <b>New Jersey</b>    | Music PreK-12 (all grades)  | Students graduating from a teacher preparation program receive a CEAS certificate (Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing)<br>These two certificates come after a student has been given a position in a district:<br>Provisional (2-year)<br>Standard (lifetime) | Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE)<br>OR<br>Adequate SAT, ACT, or GRE scores   | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)                             | None   | edTPA                        | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework  | \$190   | Yes | <a href="https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/cte/alternate.shtml">https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/cte/alternate.shtml</a>   | <a href="https://www.nj.gov/education/license/">https://www.nj.gov/education/license/</a>   |



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| <b>New Mexico</b>     | 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); advancement requires portfolio/admin support- could not confirm is this is necessary           | Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: K-6 OR 7-12 | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)   |  | No  | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework   | \$150 application<br>\$59 fingerprinting \$120 Renewal   | Yes | <a href="https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/alternative-licensure-programs-opportunities/">https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/alternative-licensure-programs-opportunities/</a>   | <a href="https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/">https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/</a>   |
| <b>New York</b>       | 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)   | Multi-measure teacher performance assessment determined by approved teacher prep programs   | 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<br>\$100 using all other pathways.<br>\$101.75 fingerprinting                                      | Yes | <a href="https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/teachalt.html">https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/teachalt.html</a>   | <a href="https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/">https://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/</a>   |
| <b>North Carolina</b> | Music K-12  | Professional Educator's Initial License (3-year)<br>Professional Educator's Continuing License (5-year)  | None  | Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114)   | None   | edTPA or PPAT ( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?5=10399&amp;revid=j5eClc9PRq7Wq5r2Zj95og%3d%3d&amp;ptid=muNUIKiR2jsXcslsh28lpbkkw%3d%3d&amp;secid=Yplr2aP0ayt25gDrHolNw%3d%3d">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Policy/ViewPolicy.aspx?5=10399&amp;revid=j5eClc9PRq7Wq5r2Zj95og%3d%3d&amp;ptid=muNUIKiR2jsXcslsh28lpbkkw%3d%3d&amp;secid=Yplr2aP0ayt25gDrHolNw%3d%3d</a> )<br>Rubric 4.0 (depending on the institution/district) | Yes | EPP Program, Exam; "Residency Liscense"   | \$30-\$70  | Yes | <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educator-preparation/alternative-preparation-pathways">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educator-preparation/alternative-preparation-pathways</a>                   | <a href="https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educators-licensure">https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educators-licensure</a>   |
| <b>North Dakota</b>   | 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<br>\$30 Initial Application fee<br>\$44.50 Fingerprinting<br>\$130 5 year or 30 year license  | Yes | <a href="https://www.nd.gov/espblicensure/alternate-access-license">https://www.nd.gov/espblicensure/alternate-access-license</a>   | <a href="https://www.nd.gov/espblicensure">https://www.nd.gov/espblicensure</a>   |
| <b>Ohio</b>           | Music PK-12   | Resident Educator License (2-year) Professional (5-year) One-Year-Out-of-State   | None  | 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 2020  | Yes | None  | \$80 application (2-year resident educator license)<br>\$300 Initial Application fee<br>\$200 application (5-year professional license)<br>Fingerprinting varies | Yes | <a href="https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Resident-License-Options">https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Resident-License-Options</a>                                     | <a href="https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching">https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching</a>   |
| <b>Oklahoma</b>       | Music PK-12   | Standard (5-year)  | Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT)       | Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT): Instrumental/General or Vocal/General                | None (replaced by the PPAT as of 09/2021)  | No  | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Oklahoma Exams   | \$50 application<br>\$58.25 fingerprinting   | Yes | <a href="https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-alternative-placement-program-teacher-certification">https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-alternative-placement-program-teacher-certification</a>                                 | <a href="https://sde.ok.gov/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification">https://sde.ok.gov/traditional-path-oklahoma-teacher-certification</a>   |
| <b>Oregon</b>         | 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<br>\$73.50 fingerprinting   | Yes | <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Documents/First%20License%20Teaching.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Documents/First%20License%20Teaching.pdf</a>   | <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Pages/default.aspx</a>   |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>   | Music PK-12   | Level I (determined by service time)<br>Level II (Lifetime)<br>Instructional Teacher Intern (3 years; alternative route)                                   | Waived, July 8, 2022 through July 8, 2025               | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)   | None   | PDE-430 Student Teacher Assessment  | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework   | \$200 application (in-state)<br>\$260 application (out-of-state)   | Yes | <a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/BecomeAnEducator/Intern/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/BecomeAnEducator/Intern/Pages/default.aspx</a> | <a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx</a>                               |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>   | 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 | <a href="https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification/paths-certification">https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification/paths-certification</a>                   | <a href="https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification/paths-certification">https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification/paths-certification</a> |
| <b>South Carolina</b> | Music Education PK-12<br>Music Education: Choral PK-12<br>Music Education: Instrumental PK-12<br>Music Education: Piano PK-12<br>Music Education: Strings PK-12<br>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 PLT   | Yes | Possible additional testing   | \$105  | Yes | <a href="https://ed.sc.gov/educators/alternative-certification/programs/">https://ed.sc.gov/educators/alternative-certification/programs/</a>   | <a href="https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/">https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/</a>   |



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| South Dakota  | K-8 Elementary Music, 5-8 Secondary Music, K-12 Vocal Music, K-12 Instrumental Music                       | Professional License (1-5 years) Advanced License (5+ years)  | None  | Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)   | Praxis Principles of Teaching & Learning: Early Childhood, K-6, 5-9, or 7-12 | No                         | No  | South Dakota Indian Studies Course, Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training   | \$25-\$60  | Yes | <a href="https://doe.sd.gov/certification/AltCertRoutes.aspx">https://doe.sd.gov/certification/AltCertRoutes.aspx</a>   | <a href="https://doe.sd.gov/certification/">https://doe.sd.gov/certification/</a>   |
| Tennessee     | Music K-12 Instrumental/General Music K-12 Vocal/General   | Practitioner (3-year plus 1 year renewal) Professional (7-year)   | None  | Praxis II: Music Content & Instruction (5114) OR Instrumental (5114) OR Vocal (5116)  | Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: K-6, 5-9, OR 7-12                | edTPA score of 40 or above | Yes | None  | Not listed   | Yes | <a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing/licensing-faq.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing/licensing-faq.html</a>   | <a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing.html</a>   |
| 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)<br>\$160 application (out-of-state)<br>\$39 fingerprinting                     | Yes | <a href="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/preparation-and-continuing-education/becoming-a-certified-texas-educator-through-an-alternative-certification-program</a> | <a href="https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/initial-certification">https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/initial-certification</a> |
| Utah          | Music K-12   | Professional Educator License (5-year); Levels offered with additional graduate degrees                                     | None  | Music: Content Knowledge (5113)   | None   | No                         | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Educator Ethics, Special Education Law and Instruction, Classroom Management and Instruction, and Utah Effective Teaching Standards  | \$75 application   | Yes | <a href="http://www.teachutah.org/get-certified">http://www.teachutah.org/get-certified</a>   | <a href="http://www.teachutah.org/get-certified">http://www.teachutah.org/get-certified</a>   |
| 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   | \$50 application fee; \$150 certification fee; \$13.25 fingerprinting                                      | Yes | <a href="https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure/become-a-vermont-educator/alternative-route">https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure/become-a-vermont-educator/alternative-route</a>   | <a href="https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure">https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure</a>   |
| 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, Behavior Intervention and Support Training; Cultural Competency Training; Special Education Training. | \$100 application (in-state)<br>\$150 application (out-of-state)   | Yes | <a href="https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/age-ncy20/chapter23/section90/">https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/age-ncy20/chapter23/section90/</a>   | <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/</a>   |
| 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 WEST-E)  | General: NES exam Choral and Instrumental: Washington Educator Skills Test (WEST-E)   | None   | edTPA                      | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework   | \$94 initial residency application<br>\$51 processing fee<br>\$81 residency renewal<br>\$43 fingerprinting | Yes | <a href="https://www.pesb.wa.gov/pathways/alternative-routes-to-teacher-certification/">https://www.pesb.wa.gov/pathways/alternative-routes-to-teacher-certification/</a>   | <a href="https://www.k12.wa.us/certification">https://www.k12.wa.us/certification</a>   |
| 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 | edTPA                      | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework   | \$35 initial application   | Yes | <a href="https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/application-forms/">https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/application-forms/</a>   | <a href="https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/">https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/</a>   |
| Wisconsin     | Licenses are based on grade ranges and the teacher preparation program (ex. UW-Madison issues PK-12 music) | Provisional (3-year) Lifetime Educator (background check every 5 years) Master Educator (National Board Certification req.) |   | Determined by the Wisconsin educator program. University chooses one of the following:<br>Praxis II: Music Content Knowledge (5113)<br>GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale<br>A content portfolio | None   | edTPA                      | Yes | Possible additional testing and/or coursework   | \$125 application (in-state)<br>\$175 application (out-of-state)<br>\$23.75 fingerprinting                 | Yes | <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/pathways-licensure/teachers#Alternative%20Route%20Pat%20hway">https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/pathways-licensure/teachers#Alternative%20Route%20Pat%20hway</a>   | <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing">https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing</a>   |
| Wyoming       | Music K-6, 5-8, 6-12, K-12   | Standard (4-year)   | None  | Music Content Praxis (5113)   | None   | No                         | No  | Possible additional testing and/or coursework; Wyoming Constitution   | \$175 application (in-state)<br>\$225 application (out-of-state)<br>\$50 fingerprinting                    | Yes | <a href="https://wyomingptsb.com/licensures/becoming-licensed/#1520379111014-2f99bdf-459c">https://wyomingptsb.com/licensures/becoming-licensed/#1520379111014-2f99bdf-459c</a>   | <a href="https://wyomingptsb.com/">https://wyomingptsb.com/</a>   |

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