

MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR

At VU we recognize the importance of high quality music education in the schools, and the role of music in the development of each student. Our faculty brings extensive experience in pre-college teaching and strong professional networks to school music systems in the Chicagoland region and throughout the Midwest.

100% of VU Music Education majors have secured teaching positions in the year after graduation in each of the last four years.

As a Bachelor of Music Education student at VU, you will . . .

- engage in studio work in at least one primary performance area.
- gain practical, technical, and artistic experience through participation in both large and small performing ensembles.
- learn through courses, seminars, lectures, and workshops about the role that music plays in the development of young people and in modern American society.
- develop diverse ways to apply your skills creatively in the secondary and elementary school setting through conducting, composing, improvising, arranging, performing, and collaborating.

As a Music Education student at VU you will have opportunities including. . .

- leadership roles in curricular and extra-curricular musical groups and projects.
- a wide range of clinical experiences, including rural, suburban, and urban school settings in the immediate geographical region.
- an active collegiate chapter of Music Educators National Conference.
- participation in student delegations to regional, state, and national professional meetings.

The Music Education Major (Bachelor of Music Education) is an intensive professional degree program, consisting of 61-65 credit hours in music, 40-43 credit hours in general education and 31 credit hours in professional education, including supervised teaching. This degree program leads to certification in both instrumental and vocal music in all 50 states. Valparaiso University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

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