

Elementary Vocal Music Education (K-6)

School of Arts & Sciences

Outcomes

The Music Education K-6 degree is designed to prepare students to teach vocal music at the elementary level. This degree leads to Nebraska Teacher Certification in Music. Careers are possible in many fields, including:

- K-6 Vocal Music Education

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Program Description

Music education graduates teach vocal music at K-6 schools throughout the region. Mastery of musical and pedagogical goals are achieved through a variety of courses in music literature and history, music theory, vocal methods and conducting. Students gain “real-world” experiences in teaching through practicum experiences and student teaching.

PSC Points of Distinction

- The Department of Music stresses individual student attention and is committed to high performance standards.
- Individual lessons are available in voice, brass, woodwinds, percussion and piano.
- Students enter the elementary classroom early in their coursework at Peru State observing teaching practices and applying teaching methods learned in the classroom.
- The final course for this program involves student teaching for a semester in the elementary vocal music area.
- Each program at Peru State College is reviewed on a continual basis and coursework is updated to meet industry standards.
- Students completing a degree at Peru State College are prepared to attend the nation’s top graduate schools in all program areas.
- Minor in a subject area outside of the major is simple at Peru State and can broaden the scope of knowledge and can improve employment prospects for any student.

Facilities

The Music department is housed in the Jindra Fine Arts building. This building houses classrooms and faculty offices for the department in addition to the Benford Recital Hall. Rehearsal rooms for the band and choral ensembles are housed in this facility along with individual private practice rooms for. A piano lab and vocal and instrumental music libraries are also housed within the Fine Arts building. Performances by the band and choral ensembles are held in the College Theater.

Performance Groups

Students can participate in a variety of performance groups. Vocalists may sing in the concert choir, show choir and the madrigal singers. Instrumentalists can play in the concert band, pep band and the jazz ensemble. Auditions for all ensembles are held every semester. Scholarships are available for participation in the bands and choirs based on an audition with the music faculty. All performance groups present concerts both on and off campus including tours of the area.

Faculty

Dr. Thomas Ediger, Professor of Music
Dr. Patrick Fortney, Professor of Music
Mr. Ken Meints, Professor of Music

Courses Required

In addition to the general studies requirements, students must take a variety of courses in music and education to complete this degree. The progress sheet for this major includes a listing of all coursework required for the Music Education K-6 major in addition to the general studies courses.

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