DOCTOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION (D.M.E.)

Purpose

The ***Doctor of Music Education*** is a 45#hour post#graduate, professional doctorate that places emphasis on practical application of music education studies to the field of music teaching and learning. The program is designed to equip the music education professional with skills that will prepare them to assume leadership roles within various organizations in the context of music education. The graduates of this program will be prepared to lead at the district level of K#12 music education as well as in institutions of higher education.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Construct a culturally contextualized music teaching methodology that includes spiritual formation and Christian ethics.
- Formulate a philosophy of music education informed by the contexts of sociology, psychology, aesthetics, and a Biblical worldview.
- Design music education initiatives within the practitioner responsibilities of administration and community leadership.
- Synthesize knowledge of the literature of the discipline with the professional practices of music educators through research for the teaching environment.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the **Doctor of Music Education** must meet the following requirements:

1. An earned master's degree in music or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACS, TRACS, ABHE, etc.). Master degrees qualifying for entrance into the Doctor of Music Education degree may include:
   a. Master degree in Music
   b. Master degree in Music Education
   c. Master degree in Music and Worship
   d. Or a related discipline from an accredited institution
2. A graduate GPA of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper –based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Transfer Credit

Transfer students will be required to submit transcripts for evaluation as per the normal process established by the University. Students may transfer a maximum of 21 hours of coursework from an accredited institution. In order to be eligible for transfer credit, course work must have a minimum grade of B-, and must have been completed within the past seven (7) years. Credits from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

The following courses are not eligible for transfer credit: MUSC 880 Intro Thesis Writing Project (3 c.h.), MUSC 892 Comprehensive Exam (0 c.h.), MUSC 888 Thesis Project Proposal Research I (4 c.h.), MUSC 889 Thesis Project Proposal & Research II (3,5 c.h.), and MUSC 890 Thesis Project Defense (3 c.h.).

Program of Study
Delivery Format: Online Only

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Career Opportunities

- District supervisor of music in a K#12 environment
- College professor of music education

A student who is pursuing either of the above routes would need K# 12 teaching experience. Many students who pursue this degree will be current K#12 music educators.