

Credentials

Piano Teacher certificate42 cr.

Major Description

If you dream of sharing your love for the piano with others, then Schoolcraft’s unique piano teacher certificate is perfect for you. The program offers a thorough grounding in teaching materials and techniques along with music theory and history. You will also have the opportunity to practice your teaching skills right on campus in our group piano classes for children. Prepare for a career of teaching piano in music academies, community education programs, or out of your own home.

- All applicants must audition in order to enter the piano teacher certificate program.
- Challenge your own abilities and prepare to share your love of music with the next generation.
- Establish a foundation for state and national Music Teachers Association certification.

Job Titles & Median Salaries or Hourly Rates

- Piano Teacher: \$36,340 (national)

Music: Piano Teacher Certificate

The piano teacher certificate program is designed for pianists with sufficient background to pursue professional careers as private piano teachers. The curriculum is structured to provide instruction in piano teaching materials and techniques as well as music theory and history. In addition, students are given numerous opportunities to observe and teach children enrolled in group piano classes on campus. (Two supervised teaching sessions of children are required.)

In order to enter the piano teacher certificate program, each applicant must audition to demonstrate an appropriate level of musicianship.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to set up a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements, and upon recommendation of the music faculty, qualify for a certificate of program completion. Applied Music has an added fee.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

First Year—Fall Semester

MUSIC 131	Applied Music—Piano 1	2
MUSIC 143	Practice Teaching and Practicum in Piano Teaching 1	2
MUSIC 153	Music Theory 1	3
MUSIC 164	Music History 1—17th and 18th Centuries.....	3
MUSIC 201	Keyboard Skills for Piano Teachers 1.....	2

Total Credits 12

First Year—Winter Semester

MUSIC 132	Applied Music—Piano 2	2
MUSIC 144	Practice Teaching and Practicum in Piano Teaching 2	2
MUSIC 154	Music Theory 2	3
MUSIC 165	Music History 2—19th and 20th Centuries.....	3
MUSIC 247*	Piano Teaching Techniques and Materials 1	3

Total Credits 13

Second Year—Fall Semester

MUSIC 137	Sight Singing and Ear Training 1	2
MUSIC 202	Keyboard Skills for Piano Teachers 2.....	2
MUSIC 231	Applied Music—Piano 3	2
MUSIC 243	Practice Teaching and Practicum in Piano Teaching 3	2

Total Credits 8

Second Year—Winter Semester

MUSIC 138	Sight Singing and Ear Training 2.....	2
MUSIC 232	Applied Music—Piano 4	2
MUSIC 244	Practice Teaching and Practicum in Piano Teaching 4.....	2
MUSIC 257*	Piano Teaching Techniques and Materials 2	3

Total Credits 9

PROGRAM TOTAL 42 CREDITS

* These classes are offered on a rotational basis.
Contact Liberal Arts office for current offerings.