

**School of Music  
Illinois State University**

**Master of Music Education**

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**Program Objectives**

The objectives of the MMed degree program are intended to assist students to:

- Demonstrate skills in technology, curriculum, and student evaluation;
  - Demonstrate an understanding of diversity issues and historical/philosophical foundations;
  - Demonstrate practical knowledge of teaching strategies and resources suitable for improving instructional effectiveness in current teaching settings;
  - Conduct research in an area of interest in a systematic and authentic fashion with the intent of increasing their knowledge base or improving instruction;
  - Demonstrate a broad understanding of the educational profession and school curriculum so as to enable them to be effective arts advocates in their schools and the State of Illinois;
  - Develop musical, theoretical, historical, and aesthetic perspectives relating to the discipline;
  - Continue their studies at the doctoral level.
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**Assessment of Student Outcomes**

The following are specific assessment items for the MMed.

- All entering MMed students must have an undergraduate degree in music education or the equivalent, a valid teacher's certificate OR written evidence of teaching ability and a projected date for completion of certification, a taped or live performing audition, and an on-campus or telephone interview with the music education faculty.
- All entering MMed students are required to demonstrate knowledge of music theory and music history. Students performing poorly on the School of Music graduate entrance examinations will be directed to work on their own using a combination of programmed texts, computer drills, Web sites, and possibly auditing an appropriate undergraduate course.
- All students are expected to complete the curriculum in an appropriate and timely manner, demonstrating appropriate knowledge, skills, attitudes and values consistent with the music teacher education program.
- All students must successfully complete an additional exit requirement selected from one of the following: complete 4 additional semester hours of graduate level course work, of their choice (Arts Technology is also a possibility); complete a creative, practical project applying content to their chosen field; or complete a thesis on a topic approved by the MMed advisor.
- All MMed students are required to pass a comprehensive, written examination during the semester in which they intend to graduate. A faculty committee is selected by the student, with the approval of the MMed advisor.

