

Upper Division Qualifying Exam Info.....for **VOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION** Majors

Vocal Studies Department

Purpose: To determine through examination whether voice students at the conclusion of study at level IVB are qualified to enter a chosen major. All level IVB students will take a comprehensive Upper Division Qualifying Jury exam in which sight-reading, learning new repertoire, and other functional skills will be tested. In addition to performing the regular jury repertoire, students will be required to learn a song in 24 hours without help from their teacher (not memorized).

Upper Division Qualifying Jury exams will occur on a separate day, will last approximately 20 minutes and will be attended by voice, music education, theory/composition and music therapy faculty. Students who do not pass this exam must repeat applied music level IVB and will not be granted junior standing in music. *The Upper Division Qualifying Jury exam may be retaken no more than two times (for a total of three times altogether) and only at the discretion of the student's applied vocal instructor.*

MUSIC Majors in Music Education:

The exam will consist of a minimum of five (5) selections that must represent the following:

- Three languages – including at least one piece in Italian
- Three Style selections

Additional Requirements for the Bachelor of Music in Music Education:

The goal of the undergraduate Music Education program at ECU is to prepare, develop, and advance students to a professional level through an experiential program that emphasizes attainment of concert performance level and basic and new knowledge taught in the core and teaching areas.

1. Satisfactorily complete "Early Experience," MUSC 2123, (minimum grade of C) by the second semester of your sophomore year or as soon thereafter as possible.
2. Schedule and attend appointment for Speech and Hearing screening conducted by the Department of Speech, Language, and Audio Pathology (SLAP) located in the Belk Building Annex.
3. Present essay (250 words), outlining reasons for wishing to pursue a career in education, to advisor, music education coordinator.
4. Students must attain a 2.5 GPA on all college work attempted at ECU and meet departmental requirements.
5. Apply for and take Praxis I: Pre-professional Skills Tests during the semester you're taking MUSC 2123. Application forms may be obtained at the Testing Center, Brewster Building. Request results are sent to ECU (CODE 5180). Achieve acceptable scores on Praxis I: Reading 176, Writing 173, Math 173. (A

computer-based test--CBT-- covers the same subject areas, but can be taken using computers at Sylvan Learning Center in Greenville. This alternative is useful if grades are needed within two or three weeks.)

6. Complete application for Admission to Upper Division of Teacher Education and CPL Data Form.
7. **After** successfully completing: Upper Division Qualifying Exam on major applied instrument, **passing** Praxis scores, MUSC 2123, early field experience, speech/hearing screening, written essay, and application for Upper Division, schedule a department interview (**should be done prior to pre-registration for second semester of your Junior year**). If you pass your interview, have completed all items listed above, and have maintained a 2.5 GPA, your materials will be sent to Teacher Education for approval. If all areas are acceptable, the Chair of Music Education will receive a letter welcoming you to Upper Division. A copy of the letter will be made available to you. Contact your department for interview dates.
8. You must be admitted to Upper Division to register for MUSC 3227 or MUSC 3247. You are responsible for eliminating the deficiencies and scheduling an appointment with your advisor to determine if and when reapplication is warranted.