

Upper Division Qualifying Exam Info.....for **VOCAL MUSIC THERAPY** 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 Therapy:

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 Therapy

Upper division status for music therapy majors indicates that students are eligible for enrolling in the second semester of professional courses and those that follow (Spring semester courses beginning with MUSC 3267 and 3367).

1. As stated in the Undergraduate Catalogue, students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on all college work attempted at ECU and a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA in music courses at the end of the sophomore year.
2. Students are required to complete an *Application for Admission to Upper Level Status in Music Therapy* and to pass a *Departmental Interview and Audition*.
3. The application may be obtained from the Director of Music Therapy PRIOR to advising and registration in the fall semester during which you are enrolled in MUSC 3257 and 3267.
4. Upon receipt of the application form, a *Departmental Interview and Audition* will be scheduled. Students must demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills, an understanding of therapeutic processes, and vocal, keyboard, guitar, percussion, and major instrument/voice skills sufficient for basic clinical practice.

These skills will be demonstrated by means of class participation, advising, and participation in School of Music and extra-curricular professional and service activities.

5. Students may not enroll in subsequent music therapy courses or practicum placements until they have successfully achieved upper level status.