WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN … MUSIC EDUCATION

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:
Music educators help students learn musical instruments and/or vocal performance.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:
All states require teachers to be licensed. Licensure granted by the State Board of Education for that state. See desired requirements for each state.

Consult O*Net for more information on the specific KSAs (Knowledge, Skill, Ability) that are needed for elementary education careers.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:
The UNM Music Education program offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs. “The Bachelor of Music Education degree leads to Level 1 licensure in New Mexico, which allows one to teach any music class at any level of elementary or secondary instruction. Where two or more music educators are employed by a single school district, however, a division of responsibilities between instrumental music and vocal music commonly exists. The Department of Music, therefore, offers two planned programs in music education: an Instrumental Concentration and a Vocal Concentration (2014)”

INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:
A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM’s Lobo Career Connection for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the UNM Office of Career Services for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

• Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools, Junior Colleges, Other Schools and Instruction, Technical and Trade Schools, Performing Arts Companies

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES
• Consider specializing with a double major, minor, or concentration in another area.
• Gain related professional experience through involvement in internships, student employment, Co-ops, and/or volunteer opportunities.
• Shadow professionals in the field to gain a better understanding of the occupation and to build relationships with professional mentors.
• Build your network and get involved on campus through student organizations and campus events. Find organizations and events at the Student Activities Center website.
• Attend career related campus events such as career fairs, company information sessions, and or career workshops.
• Students who are interested in graduate school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA and develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
• Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
• Job leads can be found on your department’s website, list-serv, newsletters, and social media sites.

STATE & NATIONAL WAGES:
Adapted from CareerOneStop (2013)

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*Data obtained from Career One Stop
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
National Education Association
American Federation of Teachers
New Mexico Department of Education

http://www.nea.org/index.html
http://www.aft.org/
http://www.ped.state.nm.us/

http://online.onetcenter.org

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