

**Major Field Assessment Plan  
B.M.Ed. Music**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to lead the educational, economic, and cultural development of Southeast Louisiana.

The purpose of the B.M.E. in Music is to prepare students for becoming professional music educators.

**Goal 1**

To provide the skills and knowledge needed to teach music.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the B.M.E. program will have developed sufficient teaching techniques and skills that they will be well prepared for their first teaching position.

Assessment

- a. 85% of graduates will respond “Agree” or “Strongly Agree” to the statement “I believe my undergraduate training at SLU has prepared me well for my first teaching position” contained in an exit questionnaire they will fill out shortly before graduation.
- b. 85% of those taking the Principles of Learning and Teaching and the Music Education portions of the PRAXIS exam will pass both portions.

**Goal 2**

To develop musical skills.

Expected Outcome

Each student will develop enough technical command of his or her instrument or voice that he or she will be able to publicly perform representative examples of three or more style periods in a musically acceptable fashion.

Assessment

The student will present a degree recital meeting all the requirements set by his or her specific performance discipline. The actual performance will be graded by at least two applied faculty of the specific discipline. The recital will be rated on a scale of 1-10 (10 being superior) in the areas of musicality, technical competency, stylistic awareness, and (for singers only) diction. The average score must be 7.0 or higher.

**Goal 3**

Provide knowledge of music theory and music history.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the B.M.E. program will compare favorably in their knowledge of music theory and music history with those students graduating in the field nationally.

Assessment

The average score of the graduates of the B.M.E. program on the Major Field Achievement Test in Music (which they will take shortly before graduation) will be at or near the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile compared to national results.