

**Program of Study**  
**Education Specialist (EDS) in Curriculum and Instruction: Music Education**

**Mission**

The mission of the Education Specialist degree program in Music Education is to prepare professional educators to attain distinguished levels of both theory and practice and to become contributing members in the professional discourse of improving schooling in roles such as director of music, department head, or curriculum coordinator.

**Course of Study for 2020-2021**

Summer 2020			Fall 2020		
EDS 8800	Introduction to Instructional Leadership in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3	EDS 8816	Advanced Curriculum and Instruction in the Fine Arts	3
EDS 8833	Foundations of Learning and Cognition	3	EDS 8851	School Resource Utilization	3
MUED 8100	Advanced Study in Music Education	3			
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

Spring 2021			Summer 2021		
EDS 8822	Research to Practice: Statistical Analysis	3	MUSC 8500	Graduate Applied Pedagogy	3
EDS 8845	Theory and Practice of Differentiated Instruction	3	EDS 8860	School Law and Ethics	3
EDS 8846	Principles of Assessment Design and Application	3			
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree Completion</b>	<b>30</b>
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When does the program start?**

A new cohort begins each summer.

### **How long is the program?**

Following the course of study as prescribed, the program lasts four semesters, beginning in the summer and ending the following summer.

### **How do I apply?**

Go online ([www.piedmont.edu/apply](http://www.piedmont.edu/apply)) or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions (Kathleen Carter, Director of Graduate Enrollment Management, 706-778-8500, x1181, or [kcarter@piedmont.edu](mailto:kcarter@piedmont.edu)).

### **What is required for admission to the program?**

A masters degree from an accredited college or university and current certification in music education. *This is not an initial teacher preparation program.*

### **How many candidates will be accepted each year?**

We will accept 8-10 candidates each year for the program.

### **Is financial aid available for EDS candidates?**

Yes. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information (706-776-0114) or go to [www.piedmont.edu/finances-aid](http://www.piedmont.edu/finances-aid).

### **Do I have to follow the course sequence listed?**

Ideally, candidates complete the program as listed above in one calendar year. However, you may take fewer classes during certain semesters based on your needs. Keep in mind that courses may not be offered during a different semester, and you may have to wait one year before taking a course you missed.

### **Where are the courses offered?**

Courses are offered through the Athens Campus, Demorest Campus, and in some of our off-campus cohorts (Gwinnett, Cherokee, Atlanta, etc.). The content area courses (MUED 8100 and MUSC 8500) will be offered through the Demorest Campus only, in an online format.

### **Is the program online?**

For 2020-2021, all courses are online or in a hybrid format. All courses will require some synchronous meetings, but none face-to-face. Every effort will be made to schedule synchronous meetings on Saturdays, and to publish the schedule well in advance to allow for candidates to make arrangements accordingly.

### **Does this degree qualify me for a certificate upgrade?**

If you currently hold a T-5 teaching certificate in music education in the state of Georgia, this degree qualifies for the certificate upgrade.