



Music Education: Initial Licensure

In order to be recommended for your Minnesota K-12 Instrumental/Classroom Music or Vocal/Classroom Music teaching license, you must successfully complete the following licensure requirements.

Required Coursework

You must complete the licensure coursework as identified in your program requirement sheets ([vocal/choral-voice emphasis](#); [instrumental](#)) with an overall cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and with individual course grades of a C- or better.

Clinical and Field Experiences

Field experience for UMN Twin Cities teacher candidates is an intentionally planned part of each licensure program. In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates in the music education program must complete:

Instrumental/Classroom

100 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching and
16 weeks of full-time student teaching.

Vocal/Classroom

100 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching and
16 weeks of full-time student teaching

Minnesota State Assessments

[edTPA \(Education Teacher Performance Assessment\)](#)

You must successfully complete and submit your edTPA portfolio, as stipulated by PELSB, before being recommended for your MN teaching license. edTPA is introduced in your program method courses, and you will complete it in conjunction with your student teaching. Follow the instructional documents available at our [edTPA resource website](#).

Submitting Your Minnesota License Application

Once the above requirements are confirmed complete (via APAS, edTPA submission), you must submit your complete Minnesota teaching application to the Office of Teacher Education (OTE). You must follow the [teacher licensure application process](#) instructions. The OTE licensing team reviews your license application, and once verified that all of the requirements are complete, we email signed application documents to you. You then send your application packet to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). This usually takes about 3-5 business days, two weeks, but can take longer during the busy summer season. PELSB typically takes 6-8 weeks to process a license; [you can look up your license progress online through PELSB's website](#).