Graduates of the Kent State online Master of Music in music education are more than educators. They’re future-focused leaders, driving change and advancing music and the arts at a systemic level.

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The Kent State online Master of Music in music education (MMME) provides music teachers in K-12 with the tools to engage students, transform lives and drive change in music education. Explore this alumni snapshot to learn more about our graduates and their experiences.

90% of graduates agree that the program is relevant, practical, challenging and forward-thinking. 80% of graduates are likely to recommend the program to a friend.

DECISION-MAKING FACTORS

Why did our graduates choose Kent State University?

- 77% - Online program format
- 59% - MMME program’s reputation / accreditation
- 21% - Kent State academic reputation / accreditation

Why did our graduates pursue the Kent State online Master of Music in music education?

- 68% - To expand their knowledge in the field of music education
- 48% - Personal satisfaction of earning a degree
- 48% - To help them advance in the field
- 46% - To increase their salary
- 24% - To meet continuing education licensure requirements

YOUR CLASSMATES: LOCATION & EXPERIENCE

Learn alongside experienced music educators from throughout the nation and around the world.

How many years of experience do our students have as music educators?

- 48% - 6-10 Years
- 16% - 11-15 Years
- 13% - 0-5 Years
- 10% - 16-20 Years
- 7% - 21-25 Years
- 4% - 26+ Years
- 1-3% International Graduates

Where are our students from?

- 1-3% International Graduates
- 17% from the USA

Where do our graduates teach?

- Pre-K or Elementary
- Middle or Junior High
- High School
- College or University
POSITIVE OUTCOMES

What graduates enjoyed most about the program:

- Convenience of online format
- Course content
- Engagement with faculty and colleagues

Upon graduation, the majority of our students agree that the program:

- Expanded their knowledge of the field of music and music education
- Increased their level of comfort with implementing new technologies in classrooms
- Increased their career options
- Improved their advocacy and leadership skills
- Increased their knowledge of another academic specialty

What do our graduates get out of the online Master of Music in music education program?

- Expanded their knowledge of the field: 96%
- Helped them gain personal satisfaction of earning a degree: 94%
- Increased their salary / received a promotion: 84%
- Helped them advance in their field: 84%
- Helped them be more competitive in the marketplace: 74%

90% of graduates are currently employed
88% indicate their salary has increased since graduation

Salary Range:

- < $25K: 7%
- $25K - $49,999: 36%
- $50K - $74,999: 9%
- $75K - $99,999: 48%

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Practitioner-Oriented Education:
The Kent State Master of Music in music education delves deep into music history, theory, practice, pedagogy and application. The program also allows you to focus your knowledge base by choosing two of the following three specialties: general music, choral music and instrumental music.

Real-World Application:
As you progress through the program, you’ll be encouraged to update your lesson plans based on your new skills and methodologies. Eventually, you should be able to analyze and improve your techniques in real time. The Kent State Master of Music in music education lets you see your graduate education come to life in the classroom.

Individualized Learning and Technology:
As a Master of Music in music education student, you’ll have the opportunity to learn and immediately apply new and innovative teaching practices. Our program is designed to help you leverage the latest technology to connect with your students in new ways and accommodate diverse learning styles.

Completely online:
Delivered in a 100 percent online format, our program provides the flexibility to accommodate demanding schedules and satisfy diverse professional needs.

Accreditation:

Kent State University is an affiliate of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Kent State University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The Hugh A. Glauser School of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). Kent State University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
The MME from Kent State has made me more comfortable and capable of implementing new general music methods to all the elementary grade levels I teach. I also have become the “go to” guy in my district for classroom music methodology. I have given in-service presentations on general music and promoted its importance as a tool for developing solid performance group participants.

- P.R. Gaffney, 2015 Graduate

I was able to use my capstone project as a rationale for the restructuring of teaching assignments in our school district. Coinciding with the retirements of two colleagues, I was given the choice of three teaching positions in my district. I am now teaching band grades 5-12 in the town where I grew up, and loving it! Thanks Kent State MMME online program!

- Benjamin Clark, 2015 Graduate

[It gave me] confidence in the classroom to do what I know is best for the students.

- Nathan Shivers, 2013 Graduate

The content in the program changed my praxis. In particular, my capstone project was directly in line with what I teach and it influences the way I approach planning and delivery every day.

- Sarah, 2013 Graduate

I feel that my coursework exposed me to new ideas. The conversation with colleagues and faculty was invaluable in keeping an open mind, learning and applying new concepts and techniques, and continuing to grow in the profession. I feel more confident in my leadership abilities and my ability to find, utilize and apply resources to my career and professional growth.

- Jessica Kelley, 2015 Graduate

As a working mom with two young children, this degree provided the flexibility for me to fulfill the goal of obtaining my master's degree in music education. I could complete assignments on my own time when it was convenient for me. Furthermore, the content was rigorous, but not overwhelming. Because of the education I have received through this degree I have advanced in my career and become a better music educator.

- Amy Whitaker, 2015 Graduate

My master's degree from KSU has given me new perspectives in my career and everyday teaching. I feel that I have gained relevant and current knowledge that I can apply to my teaching. The delivery of the courses in the online format makes it easier to manage earning an advanced degree, yet the content is still rigorous and up-to-date. I have a busy teaching career and a young family, so I feel very proud of my accomplishment in earning a master's degree while still maintaining my professional and personal commitments!

- Jennifer Reeder, 2015 Graduate

The KSU online program met the necessary balance of online convenience with traditional rigor and personalized education. I was able to continue in my current position and meet both professional and personal obligations while successfully meeting class requirements. I enjoyed the sense of community during my classes and developing connections with both instructors and classmates. The program had a positive impact on my teaching.

- Andrew Ruetz, 2011 Graduate

After being reassigned, Kent State's online music education program was exactly what I needed to retool more than 20 years after my initial music education training. From applying to graduation, the faculty and support staff were great.

- Jay Thornton, 2014 Graduate

The Kent State University Master of Music in music education online Graduates Survey was sent via email to 308 graduates on Sept. 30, 2015. The survey closed on Oct. 30, 2015, and 71 people responded.

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