Music and Music Education Clinical Experiences

Field Experiences and Clinical Practice

Field Experiences

(early and ongoing field-based opportunities in which candidates may observe, assist, tutor, instruct, and/or conduct research)

Each pre-service teaching candidate is required by New York State to do 100 hours of observation’s prior to Student Teaching. The hours are divided up as follows: A&HM 5025 (25 Hours), A&HM 5026 (25 Hours), A&HM 4021 (8 Hours), A&HM 5022, (8 Hours), A&HM 4701/4711 (34 hours). Student teaching is a 13-week practicum. The first 34 hours of student teaching is committed to observation. We divide the 34-hour requirement into 2 weeks of 17 hours.

Clinical Practice

(student teaching or internships in which candidates are immersed in the learning community and are provided opportunities to develop and demonstrate competence in the professional roles for which they are preparing)

Candidates complete two semester-long student teaching experiences, one at elementary and one at high school level. Part-time (3 credits) student teaching requires 20 hours of student contact time per week as part of A&HM4701 and A&HM 4711. Full time (6 credits) requires a candidate to be on the assigned campus 5 days a week for the duration of the semester.

Our part-time candidates (say, part-time placement in the fall, and a part-time placement in the spring) complete a minimum of 430 hours, including required observation hours.

Our full-time candidates (say, fall semester only or spring semester only) complete a minimum of 375 hours, including required observation hours.

Total Hours: 375-430