

4-YEAR STUDENT CAREER PLAN

B.M. Music Education



1ST YEAR: BUILD FOUNDATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Garnet Gate & the August Student Org Fair to explore and join clubs or orgs for your major Check your major map with various concentrations & verify all first year academic grade requirements Examine success/support options, including the Office of Student Advocacy and Music Living and Playing Community
2ND YEAR: EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider new experiences, part-time on-campus jobs, student organizations, undergraduate research, performance and teaching opportunities and leadership roles to gain experience Review music education overview
3RD YEAR: FIND FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess previous involvement & participate in leadership roles Join a new major-related club or organization to network and enhance skills Secure a summer internship to build on skills and enhance professionalism
4TH YEAR: PREPARE FOR LAUNCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach out to professors, supervisors, and key connections to write recommendations or serve as references Join professional groups and set job alerts for your search Use any relevant resources to network and reach out to contacts

EXPLORE OPTIONS

- Explore music education employers online 🤝🌐
- Attend the [Part-Time Job Fair & All Majors Career & Internship Fair](#) in the fall/spring
- Explore the [Career Center Toolbox](#) for additional career readiness resources
- Explore the [performance halls, practice spaces, resource facilities](#) and the [Music Library](#)
- Investigate [Graduation with Leadership Distinction](#) or the [Undergraduate Performance Certificate](#)
- Secure a summer internship/co-op, [micro-internship, job shadowing](#) or [faculty research](#) experience
- Explore trainings & [interdisciplinary certifications](#) to enhance skills and knowledge for employability
- Attend panels, workshops, on-site visits (CAS tabling), job shadowing on-site and informational interviews to gain confidence & grow connections
- Explore [study abroad](#) programs for a global experience to study music at the [National University of Ireland Maynooth](#)
- Research online to know more about the companies and positions you are interested in and explore career paths, job titles and salaries 🤝🌐
- Investigate graduate school vs. full-time job and confirm your path for applications
- Verify graduation requirements and complete [Graduation with Leadership Distinction](#)

ENGAGE & EXPERIENCE

- Identify your career goals and take [career & personality assessments](#) to understand your skills, interests, values and strengths
- Join [Mentorship Hub](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to connect with USC Alumni
- Meet with a [Career Studio Peer Educator](#) to review your resume
- Attend [School of Music concerts and events](#) and stay updated with their [event calendar](#)
- Explore [Ensembles](#) to gain performance experience, discover networking and mentoring opportunities and more
- Read up on [School of Music news](#) and [accomplishments](#)
- Reflect on your experiences and skills and update your resume
- Review skills to see what areas need more development
- Review past career assessments to see your top work values and skill sets
- Keep in touch with professors and past employers for networking and assistance
- Review & update your professional documents and online profiles 🤝🌐
- Review your top skills & experiences from the last four years that are most relevant to a professional career 🤝🌐

TAKE ACTION & REFLECT

- Explore your options to see where music education alumni are working & what skills they have developed 🤝🌐
- Get involved to build your [eight Career Competencies](#) that employers look for
- Meet with CAS CC to review your personal brand and specific interests and to develop a customized career plan and resume
- Start looking for a summer internship or co-op in the fall, or consider [study abroad](#) or [gig opportunities](#) to perform and teach 🤝🌐
- Explore companies and organizations that typically hire USC interns 🤝🌐
- Start thinking about after graduation plans & desired career path and work with a CAS CC to make a game plan
- Use online resources and the Career Center to connect with alumni and employers
- Maintain relationships with [School of Music faculty](#)
- Meet with a CAS CC or PPA to create a plan for your job search or grad school applications
- Engage in interview preparation & practice — create a document with your most relevant experiences and apply the STAR method 🤝🌐
- Complete the graduation survey to share your post-grad plans

GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA

Average Annual Salary of USC B.M. Music Education Graduates*

\$54,042

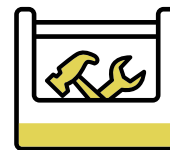


* 5-10 years after graduation

Skills Employers

Look for (in no particular order)

Chamber Music	Music Education	Teaching
Choir	Music Theory	Voice Classification in Non-Classical Music
Concert Band	Orchestra	
Customer Service	Percussion Instrument	
Event Management	Primary Education	
Leadership	Public Speaking	
Music		



Legend

CC Career Coach
PPA Pre-Professional Advisor

- 🤝 Handshake
- 🌐 Big Interview
- 📊 Gamecock GradStats



DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT TASKS!

- Build & update your [Handshake](#) profile.
- Create & update [professional documents](#) (resume, CV, references, etc.).
- [Schedule an appointment](#) with Career Coaches and/or Pre-Professional & Graduate School Advising staff.

»» [DISCOVER EMPLOYERS HIRING YOUR MAJOR](#)

CAREER CENTER TOOLS

Follow the links provided to explore all of the tools that the Career Center has to offer.

[BIG INTERVIEW](#) »»

Big Interview is the Career Center's online practice interview resource that allows students & alumni to conduct a mock interview on their own time, accessing thousands of questions that are broken out into general, behavioral & technical questions.

[CANDID CAREER](#) »»

Candid Career is the premier provider of thousands of informational video interviews featuring industry professionals. Students & alumni can get the inside scoop on careers, as well as advice that will provide an edge in the job search.

[CAREERSHIFT](#) »»

CareerShift is an online tool that allows students to search, select and store job listings from all job boards and all company job postings. Students & alumni can also find up-to-date contact information for millions of companies.

[GAMECOCK GRADSTATS](#) »»

Explore the possibilities! Search & view USC students' post graduation career paths: where they work, skills they use, & how much they earn.

[HANDSHAKE](#) »»

Handshake is the Career Center's online resource for jobs, internships, events and employer connections. Handshake is also where students can find resources and make appointments with a career coach.

[INTERSTRIDE](#) »»

Interstride is a one-stop-shop that empowers students to thrive internationally.

[MENTORSHIP HUB](#) »»

Mentorship Hub is an online platform that connects the USC community. The platform provides career support, career resources, and an opportunity to mentor or seek mentorship.

Other Campus Resource Links:

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning](#)
- [Leadership and Service Center](#)
- [Office of Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Undergraduate Research](#)

The Career Center realizes that every student has a unique journey during their time here at the University of South Carolina. All students move at different paces along different paths. We acknowledge your individual needs and will meet you at whatever stage you are in. This document is meant to serve as a milestones guide to help you plan your future and your goals.