Curriculum and Pedagogy in Music (Vocal) for the Senior Grades. EDUC5237

Thursdays: 4:30-6:30 pm Room 1054

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**Calendar Copy:**
A critical examination of contemporary learning theories in music education for the senior grades. Emphasis on pedagogy: curriculum design, development and assessment, resources and repertoire in vocal music; teaching in the diverse classroom.

**Course Description:**
This course is designed to prepare candidates for successful entry into the field of music education. There will be an emphasis on the practical experience of teaching vocal music while linking pedagogy to theoretical concepts. Topics will connect to the Ontario curriculum documents The Arts 1-8, 9-10, and 11-12. Emphasis will be on developing teaching strategies to deliver a vocal music curriculum with an awareness of issues in the current education milieu which include, but are not limited to: literacy, numeracy, differentiated instruction, inclusivity, technology, twenty-first century learners, creativity, critical thinking, and arts advocacy.

Student will regularly deliver in-class presentations to illustrate their understanding of the knowledge and skills inherent in the course content.
## Learning Outcomes:

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<th>Course Activity</th>
<th>Knowledge Outcome</th>
<th>Performance Outcome</th>
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<td>During the course, students will:</td>
<td>So that at the end of the course they will know and understand:</td>
<td>And be able to:</td>
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<td>Develop several vocal music lesson plans based on a prescribed template;</td>
<td>The components of a lesson plan and how to adapt to plans to distinct levels and contexts</td>
<td>Plan complete lessons containing all appropriate components and relevant information</td>
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<td>Design a vocal music learning unit that encompasses a learning cycle;</td>
<td>The components of a learning unit and learning cycle;</td>
<td>Design learning units that encompass a complete learning cycle appropriate for particular classes of students;</td>
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<td>Develop at least one student-centred practical unit that contains an assessment and a Level 4 exemplar;</td>
<td>How to develop a practical unit, how to assess student performance in the unit, and what Level 4 performance looks like;</td>
<td>Develop practical units containing appropriate assessments and exemplars; a portion of which will have to be implemented during practicum</td>
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<td>Design and implement assessment strategies;</td>
<td>How to produce rubrics and other assessment tools;</td>
<td>Produce assessment strategies for, as and of learning based in the developed unit plans;</td>
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By the end of the course, students should be able to demonstrate performance of these outcomes:

### Demonstration of Performance Outcomes

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<td>Produce, demonstrate and implement several assessment tools for, as and of learning strategies based on the unit and lesson plans</td>
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**Course Content and Activities:**

*Specific vocal music topics include:*
- Course planning and implementation
- Course content and program organization
- Instructional strategies and methods
- Assessment and Evaluation Methods – “Growing Success”
- Vocal Pedagogy and Techniques
- Repertoire
- Supporting English Language Learners in the music classroom
- Teaching as conductor
- Creativity and critical thinking in the music classroom
- The business side of music teaching
- Wellness and healthy teaching/learning
- Developing the singing voice
- Special education in the music classroom
- Supporting Equity in the music classroom
- Standards of practice and professionalism
- Classroom management
- Music education advocacy

**Course Materials:**


**Assignments and Other Course Requirements:**

1) Participation and engagement in all face-to-face and online activities (includes attendance) 20%
   This course will function as a lab for students to practice and discuss music teaching techniques. Within this environment, students will be placed in leadership roles that require a professional attitude, including active participation and punctuality. Because class members will serve as both teacher/conductor and student/performer, the punctual attendance of every person is expected.

2) Vocal Pedagogy, Techniques and Rehearsal/Teaching Strategies Portfolio 40%
   Assessment will occur on beginning and advanced vocal activities, conducting facility and demonstration of creative and varied instructional strategies. Due dates will be assigned the first class and throughout the course.

3) Senior Music Core Curriculum: Curriculum, Lesson and Unit Planning 30%
   **Curriculum Assignments:**
   - Unit Plan Outline due September 27
   - Lesson Plan (10%) due October 4
   - Unit Plan (20%) due January 24
4) Own Choice Assignment
10% due February 21

Students will select a topic and format that they week will be most relevant in preparing to become a music teacher. Students should consider their own strengths, interests, and areas for improvement. The topic is subject to approval of the instructor and directly related to music education.

5) Professional Portfolio and Exit Interview by appointment, week of March 5-9 (Pass/Fail)
All students are required to develop a professional portfolio that includes
   a) Personal Information i.e. Curriculum vitae
   b) Philosophy of Education
   c) Sample lesson and unit plans
   d) Assessment and evaluation methods
   e) Related educational experiences – including resources gathered from placements, conferences, and other professional development activities.
Teacher candidates are encouraged to include other pertinent materials in the portfolio for employment purposes. These might include, but are not limited to related teaching, coaching, mentoring and leadership experiences.
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