

Career Outlook: Music

Music Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Music (B.A.), Music Education: Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

Minor: Music

Fields of Emphasis: Piano Performance and Pedagogy, Instrumental Performance, Vocal Performance, Jazz Studies

Teaching Specializations: Instrumental, Vocal

Department Website: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/music/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook"(OOH) reports that musicians, singers, music directors and composers held about 233,600 jobs in 2019; 175,600 were held by musicians and singers, and 58,000 were music directors and composers. Of directors and composers, 61% were employed by religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations; 28% were self-employed, 5% by performing arts companies, such as professional orchestras, small chamber music groups, opera companies, musical theater companies, and ballet troupes; and 3% were employed by educational services. Musicians and singers also perform in nightclubs and restaurants and for weddings and other events. Teaching is an area that many music majors pursue through private lessons or structured group settings. The growth for High School Teachers is projected to be 4% (as fast as average).

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for musicians is expected to have little or no growth through 2029, with the average pay being \$30.39 per hour for singers and musicians. For music directors and composers, the median pay is \$51,670. This field is expected to have little or no growth through 2029 with people established in their career generally earning between \$23,100 and \$125,200 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MUSIC GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Music graduates. Of the 8 Bemidji State University 2018- 2019 Music (B.A.) graduates, 75% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 3 students went on to continue their education. Of the 5 Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Music Education (B.S.) graduates 60% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. These figures do not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU MUSIC GRADUATES*: (This list includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Cross Lake Community Schools	K-8 Music Teacher	Cross Lake, MN
Princeton Senior High School	Musical Assistant Director	Princeton, MN
Schoolcraft learning Community	Music Teacher	Bemidji, MN
Self Employed	Voice Teacher	Bemidji, MN
Starland Elementary School	Music Teacher	Gibbon, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU MUSIC GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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GRAD STATS

FROM STUDENTS SURVEYED ONE YEAR POST-GRADUATION

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CAREERS

TOP EMPLOYERS

1. SANFORD HEALTH
2. BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
3. ESSENTIA HEALTH
4. LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
5. SCHOOLCRAFT LEARNING COMMUNITY
6. ATHLOS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
7. CLIFTONLARSONALLEN
8. NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
9. RED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10. ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM
11. BEMIDJI MIDDLE SCHOOL
12. FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES
13. MAYO CLINIC
14. PARK RAPIDS AREA SCHOOLS
15. WANZEK CONSTRUCTION

87.7% OF

1,191

TOTAL GRADUATE AWARDS WHO RESPONDED

*95.4%

EMPLOYED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

*89.7%

EMPLOYED IN A RELATED FIELD WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

15.8%

ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION



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