

Career Outlook: Music

Music Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

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

Minor: Music **Certificate:** Arts Management

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

Teaching Specializations: Instrumental/Classroom K-12, Vocal/Classroom K-12

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 207,100 jobs in 2021; 151,300 were held by musicians and singers, and 55,800 were music directors and composers. Of directors and composers, 60% were employed by religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations; 28% were self-employed, 6% by performing arts companies, such as professional orchestras, small chamber music groups, opera companies, musical theater companies, and ballet troupes; and 2% 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 5% (as fast as average).

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for musicians is expected to grow 4% (as fast as average) through 2031, with the average pay being \$30.49 per hour for singers and musicians. For music directors and composers, the median pay is \$49,130. This field is expected to have 5% growth (as fast as average) through 2031 with people established in their career generally earning between \$24,440 and \$123,800 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MUSIC GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Music graduates. Of the 2 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Music Education (B.S.) graduates, 100% 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 for the years 2019-2021.)

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| Coperni 2 Charter School | Music Teacher | Colorado Springs, CO |
| Cross Lake Community Schools | K-8 Music Teacher | Cross Lake, MN |
| Kodiak Island Borough School District | Substitute Teacher | Kodiak, AK |
| Princeton Senior High School | Musical Assistant Director | Princeton, MN |
| Schoolcraft Learning Community | Music Teacher | Bemidji, MN |
| Self Employed | Voice Teacher | Bemidji, MN |

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU MUSIC GRADUATES CONTINUED THEIR EDUCATION (2020):

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (x2)
- Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (x2)

*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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Handshake

<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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