

MUSC 325 Choral Pedagogy

WHO: All Music Education Majors

PRE-JUNCTURE

Description:

This course is designed to acquaint the music education student with the various aspects of managing a public school choral music program. Also included is the construction of skill-building exercise materials for singers of differing ages and abilities. Applications of modern learning theory are emphasized. The basics of choral diction encompassing English, Latin, Italian, German, and French are covered as well as fundamental choral literature.

Practicum:

The student will be assigned a choral practicum at an area school with a facilitating teacher. Practicum consists of observing and beginning teaching for a minimum of 15 hours, writing reports on the experience, in partial fulfillment of State requirements.

Supervisor Responsibilities:

- The MUSC 325 course instructor will act as the supervisor for this practicum.
- Identify the number and type of classrooms needed for the experience.
- Provide teacher candidates with the name of the teacher and school to which he or she has been assigned.
- Introduce students to the Shepherd University Code of Conduct, and collect agreement forms.
- Review expectations and responsibilities expected of teacher candidates for the course.
- Ensure that teacher candidates complete the practicum in a professional manner.
- Answer any questions raised by school administrators, facilitating teachers, or teacher candidates.

Teacher Candidate Responsibilities:

- Observe and teach for a minimum of 15 hours, writing reports on the experience.
- Provide any required documentation for TB tests or other requirements indicated by the school system.
- Fulfill any other expectations and responsibilities as indicated in the syllabus or by the course instructor.

Facilitating Teacher Responsibilities

- Allow the candidate to observe teaching and to teach at a beginning level at appropriate times.
- Give the candidate feedback as the syllabus indicates.
- Verify that the teacher candidate attended for a total of 15 hours.