Think with Clarity.
Act with Integrity.
Serve with Purpose.
Dream with Confidence...

AT SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, WE DON'T JUST BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS. WE EQUIP YOU WITH THE BEST EDUCATION WHICH GIVES YOU THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY.

We know you are selecting a college for more than just its location or school colors. You want to go somewhere that will prepare you for the future. Your future.

At Southern Nazarene University, we want that for you too. That is why we work hard to make sure our degrees are supported by some of the top curriculum available.

We hire highly-qualified faculty who not only know the ins and outs of the profession you seek, but who truly wish to see you succeed individually. And we make sure you leave SNU prepared for a lifetime educating others in instrumental music. That’s why we can encourage you to not just dream, but to dream with confidence.

WITH HIGHLY-ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

SNU’s music education degree is versatile. A combination of theory and practice provides a degree that prepares you for a wide range of work. Our program is nationally recognized for quality through national accreditations from both NASM (National Association of Schools of Music) and NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). This means that we’re just not saying we’re good! Others are putting their stamp of approval on what we do as well.

Our classes offer great exposure to experts in the field of education through practicums, observations and student teaching. You also have the opportunity to develop leadership through one of the largest Collegiate National Association for Music Education in the state.

Whether you choose to teach in a public, private or home school cooperatives educational settings, SNU’s Instrumental Music Education program will provide you the expertise you need to succeed. Through festivals, contests, school performances, and workshops—you will participate in a variety of programs preparing you for a wide range of teaching opportunities.

WITH INNOVATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM HIGHLY QUALIFIED FACULTY

Our music faculty has experience teaching public school in a variety of locations large and small. They go above and beyond for the benefit of your education. They not only teach courses to prepare you for a lifetime of educating others, they give you a head start on the teaching job of your dreams.

You may find yourself conducting one of our major ensembles to develop your skills and rehearsal techniques outside of the classroom. Our major musical productions use only SNU students meaning you get the experience not
meaning you get the experience not hired professionals. Perhaps, you’ll be working to host the District Solo and Ensemble Contest hosted by SNU. This opportunity puts your future students at an advantage as you one day prepare them for contest. You’ll know exactly how to help your students compete.

Professor Jim Graves directs the nationally recognized, U Singers, a vocal Jazz group at SNU. He is nationally connected with Paris Rutherford and Rosana Eckert at North Texas. Prof. Graves directs our nationally recognized vocal jazz group at SNU. Just this year they were asked to perform at the Southwestern Choral Directors Association Convention. Quite an honor.

Joining the U Singers not only connects you to Professor Graves, but can help you graduate prepared to teach both vocal jazz and traditional choral literatures. Exposure to many different musical styles is critical for your education and future performance opportunities. It will help you select your own choral literature in your classroom and prepare your students for the best performances possible.

SNU’s performance opportunities expand past traditional concert shows. Through Professor Graves connections, a current student and a recent graduate were selected to provide back-up vocals for Ben Folds, who performed with the OKC Philharmonic.

WITH PREPARATION FOR GREAT JOBS AFTER GRADUATION
With SNU’s Music Education Degree Program, graduates are prepared to earn jobs in a variety of settings. Our graduates have high pass rates for standardized tests and a reputation for being high-quality, well-prepared music educators. Our professors receive calls from local administrators each year asking for our graduates so they can hire them. 100% of our music educators graduate with immediate jobs.

Lisa Anikienko is currently a band director at Sealy Junior High and High School in Sealy, TX. She teaches the 6th grade woodwind class, junior high non-varsity band, high school non-varsity band. In addition, she directs the color guards at the junior high and high school.

“SNU gave me the opportunity to be involved in a number of music ensembles and discover my leadership abilities,” says Anikienko of her alma-mater. “Being a smaller school, professors provided me many opportunities to learn new instruments and be a part of a variety of music ensembles.” A variety of experiences that made her a desirable teaching candidate. “I am able to teach band classes, cover choir classes and accompany choral and instrumental students.”

In addition, Anikienko gives praise to the 1-on-1 attention she received from the music professors which she gives credit to her knowledge of playing all the instruments in the band and orchestra. “Now I feel comfortable teaching a number of instruments that I had never played until college,” she says.

Following her time at SNU, Anikienko earned a full scholarship to the Oklahoma City University to study clarinet performance, where she was selected as a member of Who’s Who American Colleges and Universities.

If a dream is a blueprint of a goal not yet achieved, at SNU we partner with you to focus your efforts to attain whatever it is you hope to accomplish. Thus, we say DREAM WITH CONFIDENCE.