WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MUSIC DEGREE?
Slippery Rock University music majors have gone on to pursue a variety of fulfilling careers. Ninety-five percent of SRU’s music education majors land jobs as teachers in both public and private schools, and 100 percent of SRU’s music therapy majors gain employment in schools, nursing homes, psychiatric treatment centers, correctional facilities, rehabilitation centers, shelters or in private practice. Performance majors find opportunities as performers and/or private teachers. Many of SRU’s music students, regardless of degree program, go on to graduate school to pursue advanced degrees in music and related areas. Students with the Bachelor of Arts degree may look forward to careers in music merchandising, the marching arts, church music, private teaching and the television/radio industry.

MUSIC AT SRU
Music degree programs at SRU are designed to appeal to the interests and career goals of contemporary students. All programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and the music faculty consist of the finest performing artists and master teachers in the area. Many factors blend to create an excellent learning environment, including a low student-to-teacher ratio and ample facilities for study and practice.

WHY CHOOSE MUSIC AT SRU?
1. World-class faculty: Students will be taught by faculty who are recognized throughout the state, region, nation and world as the top performers and teachers in their fields. No graduate assistants teach classes, lessons or ensembles in the Music Department.
2. Career and graduate school opportunities: There is a 100 percent job placement rate for recent music therapy and music education graduates. Our music majors also have success in gaining entrance to the nation’s most prestigious graduate schools, winning military band auditions, starting music publishing companies and being hired to teach music at colleges and universities throughout the country.
3. Ensemble performance opportunities: Music majors have the opportunity to perform in a diverse array of ensembles while at SRU. Our ensembles have toured and performed throughout the United States and internationally, including Italy, the Netherlands, France, Russia, Switzerland and Germany. Ensembles at SRU have performed world premieres of works by leading composers in multiple genres and have several full-length recordings to their credit. With no graduate students on campus, our undergraduate music majors can audition for and perform in any of our ensembles.
4. Applied lessons: All music majors, regardless of degree choice, receive a weekly, hour-long lesson on their major instrument by our expert faculty.
5. Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music: Accreditation means that our programs meet or exceed the industry standards developed by experts in the music field.

MAJORS
• Music (BA)
• Music Education (Pre-K-12, band, choir, strings, general music) (BM)*
• Music Performance (BM)
• Music Therapy (BM)**

MINOR
• Music

*All candidates completing this program and student teaching are eligible to receive Pennsylvania Music pre K-12 Teacher Certification after achieving a passing or qualifying score on Pennsylvania Department of Education required exam(s). If you are interested in teaching in another state, please contact the Department of Education in that state.

**SRU’s Music Therapy Program is approved by the American Music Therapy Association. Students completing this program are eligible to sit for the national board certification exam to obtain the Music Therapist- Board Certified (MT-BC) credential. Pennsylvania does not require state licensing; however, some states do require licensing for music therapists. If you are interested in practicing in another state, please contact the licensing board in that state.

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU music therapy students have completed internships at various locations including:

- UPMC Children’s Hospital and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)
- Penn State-Hershey Medical Center (Hershey, Pennsylvania)
- Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital (St. Petersburg, Florida)
- Children’s Medical Center of Dallas (Dallas, Texas)
- Mary Cariola Children’s Center (Rochester, New York)
- Kennedy Krieger School (Baltimore, Maryland)
- Twin Valley Behavioral Health Care (Columbus, Ohio)
- Atascadero State Hospital (Atascadero, California)
- Park Nicollet Health Services (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- Sounding Joy (Honolulu, Hawaii)

CAREER OUTCOMES

While many SRU music majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor’s degree, and nearly all music education and music therapy graduates will find positions in their fields, graduates have also secured careers in the following areas:

- Product Manager, Roland Corporation
- Education Market Manager, PreSonus Audio Electronics
- Professional Musician, Atlanta, Georgia
- College Professor, Texas Woman’s University, Emory University, Sacred Heart University and others
- Electronics/Sound Designer/Consultant, Phantom Regiment and The Cadets (DCI), Matrix Performing Arts (WGI)
- Professional Opera Singer, Pittsburgh Opera
- Broadway Touring Company Musician, Cinderella and Mama Mia
- Cruise Ship Musician, Royal Caribbean, Princess Cruises, Emerald Cruises

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Gospel Choir
- Music Theatre Society
- Music Therapy Club
- Mu Phi Epsilon
- Numerous Ensemble Clubs
- Percussion Club
- Pennsylvania College Music Educators Association

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Megan Charlesworth, ’15
Music teacher at Lancaster Country Day School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

“The education I received through the SRU Music Department fully prepared me to enter the world of teaching with confidence. I am so grateful to my SRU music professors for the community of support they offered as I developed into a music educator, as well as their continuous support as I grow further in my career. I am proud to attribute much of who I am today as an educator to being an alumnus of the SRU Music Department.”

Bill Redd, ’14
Band director, Belton High School, Belton, Texas

“The faculty and resources available at SRU allowed me to broaden my horizons and see things from a new perspective. I will always be grateful for my experiences at The Rock!”

Nicole Steele, ’05
NICU Music therapist, Children’s Hospital of UPMC, Pittsburgh, PA

“My experience in the music therapy program at SRU was one of the most influential and pivotal times of my life. It not only provided me with a wonderful foundation in music therapy, but my professors embodied a high level of passion and drive for the field and for education.”

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