

## Pathway: Music

### Area of Study: Arts, Design, and Graphics



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#### Overview

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with a concentration in Music. This degree prepares students for transfer to pursue further studies in music, music performance, humanities, business, social sciences, art administration, among other fields. (Read program QR code to see more)

#### Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (LASDTAA)  
6 quarters, Full time

#### Career Opportunities

A Music Foundations pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Performer
- Music Educator
- Composer
- Music Producer
- Music Therapist
- Music Critic
- Music Historian
- Music Theorist
- Musicologist
- Ethnomusicologist
- Music Curator
- Music Librarian

A Bachelor's degree or higher ... (Read program QR code to see more)



#### Future Education

Once you complete the AA-DTA degree, additional educational opportunities include:

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in Music, Music Education, Music Theory or related programs.

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Central Washington University, and Western Washington University. Music Foundation graduates from North have also transferred to out-of-state institutions.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.



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#### **Get Started**

**Step 1:** Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

**Step 2:** See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

#### **Tuition and Fees**

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

#### **Financial Aid and Funding Resources**

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2025-26.

#### **Need help paying for college?**

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit [North's Financial Aid Department](#) for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

#### **Program Contact**

##### **Music Department Coordinator**

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##### **Division Contacts**

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Seattle, WA 98103

#### **Advising Contact**

Contact the [Arts, Design and Graphics Area of Study advisor](#)

206-934-3658



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#### Before Quarter One

- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies Math](#) (if needed)
- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies English](#) (if needed)
- Apply for [Financial Aid](#) and other funding before your first quarter. Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college.
- [Transfer previous college credits](#) to North if applicable.
- Attend [New Student Orientation](#).
- [Explore placement options](#): take the [math](#) and [English](#) placement tool if needed.
- Make an informed choice on the [number of units to take each quarter](#).
- F-1 international students must enroll full time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the [International Programs office](#) before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact [Disability Services](#).

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

#### Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

##### Quarter 1

- MUSC&105 Music Appreciation (5 units)
- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)
- MATH&107 Math In Society (5 units)
- HDC 101 (2 units)

##### Quarter 2

- MUSC125 Creativ Mus Fundamentals (5 units)
- PSYC&100 or SOC&101 or Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)
- BIOL&100 or Natural World Lab Science (5 units)

##### Quarter 3

- Integrated Studies: ENGL&102 (5 units)
- Integrated Studies and Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)
- PSYC&100 or SOC&101 or Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)

##### Quarter 4

- MUSC110 Intro to World Music (5 units)
- HUM105 Intercultural Comm (5 units)
- World Language I (5 units)

##### Quarter 5

- HEA150 or NUTR&101 or Natural World (5 units)
- World Language II (5 units)
- Combination of: MUSC 154, 130, 135, 136, 138 or Other Electives (3 units)

##### Quarter 6

- GEOL&101 or SCI121 or Natural World (5 units)
- MUSC185 or MUSC113 (5 units)
- World Language III or Elective (5 units)



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#### Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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##### Quarter 1

- [Schedule an advising appointment](#) with your assigned advisor or retention specialist in Starfish to meet and discuss your goals. [Learn more about Starfish](#).
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#) and [career services](#)
- Come to the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out [campus life](#): [Student Clubs and Affinity Groups](#), [AANAPISI](#), [TRIO](#), [Community & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.
- Contact the Music Coordinator or the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences about performance-based courses.

##### Quarter 2

- Create an [education plan](#) with your [assigned advisor](#) or [retention specialist](#).
- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#).
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Research and develop a list of [four-year colleges and universities](#).
- Attend [transfer workshops and a transfer fair](#).
- Attend a variety of music performances including acoustic concerts, operas, and traditional jazz.

##### Quarter 3

- Update your [education plan](#) with your [assigned advisor](#) or [retention specialist](#).
- Consider [Student Leadership positions](#) and other [on-campus jobs](#).
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event very spring.
- Attend campus lectures and forums from the Arts, Humanities & Social Science division.
- Talk with your advisor or the music program coordinator if taking a two unit class.
- Connect with potential universities' admission offices at transfer fairs and info sessions and determine application procedures and deadlines.



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#### Quarter 4

- Update your [education plan](#) and confirm your program of study with your [assigned advisor](#) or [retention specialist](#).
- Consult with music faculty about your resume/portfolio.
- Consider continued participation in a performance experience (band, chorus, individual instruction).
- Contact Music department at potential universities to research transfer entrance and audition requirements.
- Attend [transfer workshops](#) and connect with universities if you haven't already.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Meet regularly with coach or teacher to prepare for and/or record auditions.

#### Quarter 5

- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Consider interviewing musicians in fields you are interested in working in.
- Prepare video and/or audio and recorded performance or schedule live auditions.
- [Apply to graduate](#) for the [Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement \(LASDTAA\)](#) degree in ctcLink. Check with your [assigned advisor](#) or [retention specialist](#) to be sure you are meeting degree requirements

#### Quarter 6

- Check in with university for transfer plan.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join [alumni association](#).
- Attend graduation celebrations and [commencement ceremony](#).



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