



Position Announcement

**Western Connecticut State University
School of Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts
Department of Music
Assistant Professor
Tenure Track – Spring 2025**

Western Connecticut State University's School of Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts (SVPCA) is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for a tenure track Assistant Professor position in the Department of Music.

WCSU is committed to enhancing our diverse university community by actively encouraging people with disabilities, members of LGBTQIA and BIPOC communities, veterans, and women to apply. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion. WCSU is honored to be awarded the federal designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). This accomplishment marks a pivotal moment in our progress toward fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within our campus community.

The School of Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts www.wcsu.edu/svpa is situated in a new \$97 million visual and performing arts center. Only an hour from New York City yet located in the scenic foothills of New England's Berkshires, the school offers a professional training program in a liberal arts context at the relatively affordable cost of a public university. New York City's proximity means our students receive the benefit of a faculty of nationally recognized artists, directors, designers, performers, and scholars dedicated to teaching a highly diverse student population. The Department of Music <https://www.wcsu.edu/music/> is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music with 13 full-time and 40 part-time faculty supporting 200 majors in five (5) degree programs including a BS in Music Education, BM in Performance, BM in Audio and Music Production, BA in Music, and BA in Popular Music.

Position Summary: The successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate music education courses including elementary/general music methods, other methods courses per the candidate's expertise, coordinate and supervise student teachers, advise undergraduate students, and oversee research projects. Additional responsibilities depend on the candidate's areas of expertise and department needs, and may include areas such as musicianship, ensembles, or music literature/history. Will be required to maintain an active program of performance, research, and/or scholarly and creative activities, and will also be expected to participate in appropriate department, university, and professional service, and build/maintain professional relationships with regional and national music educators.

Qualifications: A doctorate in Music is required; a focus on music education is preferred. ABD candidates and those with substantial progress in their doctoral degrees will be considered. Certification in Orff, Kodaly, Music Learning Theory, and/or Dalcroze is preferred. Applicants must have at least three (3) years of successful public school music teaching experience. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate ongoing creative/scholarly activity in their area of expertise. Excellent written and oral communication skills are required. WCSU is particularly



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interested in applicants who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for first-generation and under-represented groups.

Salary & Benefits: The hiring salary range is \$70,729 – \$82,518 and is commensurate upon candidates' experience. Western offers a comprehensive benefits package. Additional information on benefits can be found at www.wcsu.edu/hr/benefits/. There are grant opportunities to support research and conference attendance.

Application Process: Interested applicants must submit a letter of application, a statement of teaching philosophy; a current curriculum vita; video recording of classroom teaching (10-15 minutes); and the names and contact information for at least three (3) professional references who can comment on the applicant's teaching, scholarship, and professionalism to facultyvitae@wcsu.edu. In the Email Subject Line Reference Search **#300-026**. All materials should be submitted as PDF files. Applications must be received by **Friday, July 5, 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted.

State and Federal requirements expect that organizations with 100 or more employees invite applicants to self-identify gender and race. We kindly request all applicants to complete the Affirmative Action Data Questionnaire via the following link. <http://wcsu.edu/diversity/affirmative-action-data-questionnaire/>. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Keisha Stokes in the WCSU Office of Diversity and Equity at stokesk@wcsu.edu. Completion of this data will not affect your opportunity for employment, or terms or conditions of employment. This form will be used for reporting purposes only and will be kept separate from all search records and only accessed by the Office of Diversity and Equity.

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