



# LCCC Major and Career Guide: Music

The field of music emphasizes artistic expression through performance, composition, analysis and education. Positions in this field spend time studying theory and history, practicing, teaching, composing, directing and collaborating with other performing artists.

## Interests

**Artistic** - Interest in creative activities and self-expressive

**Enterprising** - Interest in making decisions, leading and persuading

**Social** - Interest in helping others grow and develop

## Skills

Active Learning

Active Listening

Complex Problem Solving

Coordination

Improvise, compose, and harmonize

Instructing

Judgment and Decision Making

Management of Personnel

Monitoring

Music or sound editing software

Music theory

Negotiation

Performance

Persuasion

Problem Solving

Reading Comprehension

Read music

Critical Thinking

Service Orientation

Social Perceptiveness

Speaking

Systems Analysis and Evaluation Counsel

Time Management

Writing

## Making the Most of Your Academic Experience

### Academics – Tips for Success

- Take an active role in your academics (getting good grades, attending class, and engaging in classroom discussion)
- Get to know your faculty (make a point to stop by during their office hours)
- Ask good questions
- Use your professional associations to learn more about the field
- Spend time each day practicing your instrument/voice and collaborate with your peers

## Leadership, Internships, and Networking

### Get involved in campus leadership opportunities

Examples: Theatre Club; Wingspan; Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association Campus Activities Board; or Residence Hall Council

### Volunteering for arts and culture related experiences will enhance your knowledge of the field while giving back to the community.

Examples: Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra; Cheyenne Little Theater; Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne; and Cheyenne Civic Center; Cheyenne Capital Chorale; Cheyenne Chamber Singers; Laramie County School District

### Talking to people in the field about their experiences allows you to gain perspective about day to day responsibilities and increases your professional network.

Informational Interviewing 101- Resource

[lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career\\_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf](http://lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf)



## Questions to Consider

- Are you willing to work alternate/flexible work hours (careers in the music industry are not always 9-5)?
- Can you work independently on a wide variety of tasks?
- Are you comfortable interacting with the public?
- Are you proficient in reading music?
- Do you have knowledge of the different genres and history of music?
- Can you communicate effectively with a diverse group of people?
- Are you dedicated to long hours of practice to improve and perfect your craft?
- Can you handle constructive and sometimes harsh feedback or criticisms concerning your work?
- Are you interested in maintaining an annual budget and allocating funds?
- Do you enjoy leading people and/or managing things and events?
- Are you comfortable presenting to groups of children and/or young adults?
- Do you enjoy working with technology and equipment?
- Do you want to help people using music?

## ➤ Part-time opportunities and internships

- Work specifically in creative settings such as a Civic Center, School, Camp, Music Store, Orchestra, Symphony, Non-profit, or Theater Music Tutors and Teaching Assistants (TA).
- Think about the transferable skills that you need as a music major and choose part-time employment that will enable you to gain experience in those areas.
- To search for part-time jobs go to the LCCC Career Center Online Resource Library [lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx) (Search- Topics: Job Search and Industry Cluster: Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Social Science and Humanities or Marketing, Sales and Service) and/ or College Central Network or online job posting site.

## ➤ Sample Occupations

(Certificate (C), Associate (AA), Bachelor (BA), and Beyond)

Accompanists	Music Teachers/Faculty (BA, Beyond)
Audio and Video Equipment Technicians (AA, BA)	Music Therapists (Beyond)
Arts Management (BA, Beyond)	Musical Instrument Repairers and Tuners (C, AA, BA)
Church Musicians/Ministry (All)	Musicians and Singers
Directors- Stage, Motion Pictures, Television, and Radio (BA)	Nonprofit Administration (BA, Beyond)
Music Composers and Arrangers	Private Lessons
Music Directors Producers and Composers (BA, Beyond)	Program Directors (BA)
Music Editing, Production, and Composing (BA)	Radio and Television Announcers (BA)
Music License Administration (BA)	Recreation Workers (AA, BA)
	Recreational Therapists (BA, Beyond)
	Sound Engineering Technicians (AA, BA)
	Sound Mixing (AA, BA)

## ➤ Sample Work Settings

Children's music programs	Orchestras
Colleges and universities	Production companies
Conservatories	Public libraries
K-12 schools	Publishers
Counseling Centers	Radio and television stations
Motion picture and television	Record companies
Musical theater groups	Recreation centers
Opera companies	Self-employed

## ➤ Salary (For more salary information go to [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org))

Occupation	Median Salary U.S. Yearly	Median Salary Wyoming Yearly	US Employment change, 2014-2024 -Percentage
Music Directors	\$50,110	N/A	3.2
Music Therapists	\$46,410	\$47,170	23.6
Music Composers and Arrangers	\$50,110	N/A	3.2
Middle and High School Teachers	\$58,030	\$58,480	
Elementary School Teachers	\$55,800	\$57,770	5.8
Sound Engineering Technicians	\$53,680	N/A	

Resources used: O\*NET OnLine: [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org) and *What Can I do with this Major?:* <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>  
Laramie County Community College; Career Center and School of Arts and Humanities  
1400 E College Drive, Cheyenne WY 82007

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## ➤ Sample Employers

Laramie County Schools District 1 and 2  
State of Wyoming  
Wyoming Arts Council  
Cheyenne Capital Chorale  
Cheyenne Civic Center  
Niemann & Sons Inc., Cheyenne, WY  
Laramie County Community College  
Music Depot, Cheyenne, WY  
Cheyenne Symphony  
Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, CO  
Act Two Studios, Cheyenne, WY  
Boomer Music Company, Fort Collins, CO  
Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra  
Music Go Round, Fort Collins  
Gryphon Theatre, Laramie, WY  
Laramie Plains Civic Center, Laramie, WY  
Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra

## ➤ Professional Associations

National Association for Music Education  
American Federation of Musicians  
Women in Music:  
American Music Therapy Association  
Music Teachers National Association  
Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association  
American Guild of Musical Artists  
Society for Ethnomusicology  
League of American Orchestras  
Conductors Guild  
American Musicological Society's  
Society for Music Theory  
College Music Society

## ➤ Additional Resources

**LCCC Department Music Program**  
**Website:** [lccc.wy.edu/programs/music/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/programs/music/index.aspx)  
**LCCC Academic Advising:** [lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx)  
**LCCC Career Center:**  
[lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx)