Graduate students in conducting, performance, or individualized study programs may request to add Teacher Licensure to their degree program. (The MM in Music Education program is reserved for certified teachers with at least three years of teaching experience.) Admission to the Teacher Licensure program is based on an interview as well as audition, review of transcripts, and essay. Students must have an undergraduate degree in music to be considered for licensure.

Students who wish to earn licensure only will not be put into an MM program, because the majority of the licensure coursework is undergraduate classes. NIU now offers a Post-Baccalaureate program for applicants who have an undergraduate degree in music; students who wish to apply for this program should fill out the undergraduate application for NIU and then contact Dr. Mary Lynn Doherty, Coordinator of Music Education, and Ms. Lynn Retherford for more information.

Note: The Teacher Licensure program in music is a five semester program, with four semesters of required coursework and a semester long student teaching requirement. Classes are primarily offered during the daytime hours (9-4pm) and mainly occur during the fall and spring semesters.