



Wren Music Certificate for Music Educators

Pre-Application Information
for prospective students

Certificate for Music Educators (CME)

The Certificate for Music Educators is a nationally recognised qualification, accredited by Trinity College, London. The Wren Music CME is delivered in partnership between Wren Music and The Musicians' Union.

The CME gives you, your participants and your employers, confidence in your skills as a music educator. The CME encourages you to develop your skills, consolidate your understanding of the purposes of music education, and build your reflective practice, with the ultimate goal of enhancing your contribution to the musical learning of children and young people.

Through guided learning and building a portfolio across six units, you will evidence the skills and knowledge required to be a successful music educator.

Potential Students

The CME has been developed for anyone who works as a music educator with children and young people, whether they are new to the workforce or highly experienced. It is suitable for music educators working in any musical genre or educational setting. Including:

- teachers at any level (primary or secondary) wanting a music qualification
- local gigging musicians wanting to develop a teaching strand to their work
- professional instrumentalists undertaking education work
- community musicians or workshop leaders wanting to formalise their practice
- instrumental/vocal teachers working with music services, hubs, or privately

Entry Requirements

Students need a current 'practice context' in order to complete parts of the course. The 'practice context' may vary according to what type of music education is being undertaken. Instrumental teachers might select a sample of individual pupils, class teachers a class or lunchtime music group, community musicians an out of school choir or instrumental group.

There are no specific entry requirements for the Wren Music CME, but learners wishing to register must demonstrate:

- a level of musical competence that is appropriate to the demands of their working environment and practice context
- musical, communication and interpersonal skills that enable them to inspire confidence in and elicit musical responses from children and young people
- the ability to cope with the learning and assessment demands of the CME

Structure and Content

This qualification is awarded at GNVQ Level 4 (which is equivalent to the first year of undergraduate study). The course is made up of a 'blended' learning programme, with a mix of face-to-face teaching and demonstration, self-directed study, online learning activities, mentoring and workplace observation. The face-to-face days take place in Wren Music's head office in Okehampton, Devon.

Structure and Content (cont.)

The CME is structured around six units, and evidencing your skills and understanding in each of these areas will form the basis of your portfolio.

Unit 1 - Understanding children and young people's musical learning

Unit 2 - Planning, facilitating and evaluating children and young people's learning

Unit 3 - Reflective practice and professional development in music education

Unit 4 - Promoting children and young people's positive behaviour

Unit 5 - Equality, diversity and inclusion in music education

Unit 6 - Safeguarding children and young people in music education

The Wren Music CME runs from September to July each year. There are six compulsory face-to-face training days, and further optional mentoring days.

The course fee is £1,000, which includes all teaching, access to the online learning space, assessment, certification and a 'graduation' event.

Bursaries may be available, please contact us for details.

You will

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Make contact with others in your sector
- Build a portfolio of your own work
- Gain new repertoire and teaching ideas
- Reflect on your career options
- Understand formal and non-formal music education

To apply

You should complete an application form. This will be reviewed by our team.

If your application is successful, you will be invited to attend an interview day.

At the interview you will be asked questions about your prior knowledge and experience, along with your motivations for doing the course. You may be asked to demonstrate your musical skills. Your place will be confirmed after the interview.

Contact us

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Thank you for your interest in the Wren Music CME.