



## Your Degree What Next: *Music Education*

### What can I do with my degree?

As a graduate of Music Education from Trinity, you will be fully qualified to teach music at second level in Ireland and Northern Ireland. You can register with the Teaching Council and begin to apply for roles.

There are also other options upon graduation, and some graduates pursue an interest in performance, conducting, and composition. Additionally, there is the option of considering the world of music entertainment with quite a few pursuing postgraduate courses in the media and in the music business. Learning about the agent-client relationship, scouting for new talent, putting together contracts & negotiating with third parties are basic areas to be explored. Furthermore there is the area of music technology, sound engineering, producing and directing. The opportunities are endless and as the industry in Ireland and the UK is a relatively small one, work experience and building relationships is key. Reach out to past graduates on the [LinkedIn alumni insights page](#) to try and gain an understanding of what you can do to build your profile.

Alongside the above options, with the academic foundation you have built up in this degree, graduates have the option of further study and research in the areas of the Psychology of Education, the Philosophy of Education, the Sociology of Education and Music Pedagogy.

#### Roles

Music Teacher  
Music Therapist  
Performer  
Entrepreneur  
Copyright Law & Publishing (Music Industry)

#### Employers

Department of Education & Skills  
Private Schools  
Music Schools  
Music Industry Agencies  
Clinical/Therapeutic Service Providers

### Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

#### Professional Bodies and Useful Sites

[Association of Secondary School Teachers](#)  
[Post Primary Music Teachers Association](#)  
[National Union of Teachers UK](#)  
[Irish Association of Creative Arts Therapists](#)

#### Resources

[Education Posts](#)  
[www.gradlink.ie](http://www.gradlink.ie)  
[Royal Irish Academy of Music](#)  
[Careers in Music](#)

## Graduate attributes and transferrable skills you can develop at Trinity

Alongside the obvious music educational skills you have developed, you gain a wide range of other skills and attributes while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain :

**1. Critical Thinking** - Learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

**2. Teamwork** - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas and present a coherent group argument.

**3. Independent Research** - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

**4. Logical argumentation** - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a problem.

**5. Time and project management** - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

**6. Verbal communication** - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

**7. Written communication** - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

**8. Digital Skills** - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

**9. Personal Development** – You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

### How can the Careers Service help me?

The Careers Service supports students in exploring their career options and connects students with employers. You can book an appointment with your careers consultant to help you deciding your next step in your career.

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