At Washburn, music education students are involved in many experiences in the schools beginning the first year of study. These teaching experiences provide opportunities for them to teach at all grade levels, PreK through 12, and in all areas of music including general, vocal, and instrumental. Music education students often teach private lessons in area music stores, for before and after school programs in the schools, and assist with the various music camps and festivals hosted on campus.

Music education students who complete the program are eligible to apply for music licensure to teach school music in Kansas for all grade levels and all areas of music. This inclusive approach to music learning and teaching enables them to be highly competitive for teaching positions and broadens their skills as musicians and teachers. There is also an emphasis on the importance of professional development which is facilitated by their membership in the Washburn collegiate chapter of NAfME/KMEA. Music education students attend the KMEA In-Service Workshop in Wichita every year and assist with events such as the KMEA Music at the Capitol Day.

Dr. Hunt currently teaches General/Vocal/Instrumental Music Methods, Foundations of Music Education, Enjoyment of Music, and the History of American Rock and Roll. She also supervises music student teachers and students in various music practicum experiences in the schools.

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Selected Accomplishments of Washburn Music Education Graduates:

Several music education students have received the Outstanding P-12 Student Teacher Award. The most recent recipient was Jon Ward for fall 2014. Jon is currently teaching middle level music in Gypsum, Colorado. Caitlin Ediger, a senior music education major, was recently selected as a Teacher of Promise by the Education Department at Washburn. Caitlin will attend a statewide conference this spring.