

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
Academic Senate

Academic Programs Committee  
Report To  
The Academic Senate  
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**Music, B.M. - Pedagogy (Pre-Credential) Subplan/Option Name Change to Music  
Education Pre-Credential Subplan/Option**

**Academic Programs Committee**

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**Academic Senate**

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**Second Reading**

## Background

The music department wants to change the name of their program, “Music, B.M.-Pedagogy (Pre-credential) Subplan/Option ” to “Music Education Pre-Credential Subplan/Option.” Most potential students and their parents have no idea what “pedagogy” is. Most people don’t encounter “Pedagogy” until they are in graduate school! Music Education, on the other hand, is easily recognizable. The accrediting body, the National Association of Schools of Music, will not allow its member institutions to use the title “Music Education” in their program title unless the four-year degree leads to a state-certified teaching credential. The program in discussion is a 4-year degree, with over-the-max 131 units, still requires extra time past the bachelor’s degree to get the credential. Most students take another year past the bachelor’s to get their teaching credential in the state of California. Therefore, the program chose **Music Education Pre-Credential**.

## Resources Consulted:

We consulted with all associate deans, the music department chair, and the educational department chair. There were no objections. In particular, we got responses back from the music and educational department chairs and the class dean, all in favor of the change. We also got context from Dr. Janine Riveire, a music education expert in the music department.

Key points of contact in consultation:

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Dr. Jann Pataray-Ching, educational department chair ([patarayching@cpp.edu](mailto:patarayching@cpp.edu))

Dr. David Kopplin, music department chair ([dfkopplin@cpp.edu](mailto:dfkopplin@cpp.edu))

Dr. Janine Riveire, music department faculty ([jhriveire@cpp.edu](mailto:jhriveire@cpp.edu))

## Discussion

The word “Education” is more accessible to the potential students and will help the music department reach these potential students. The proposed name change includes “pre-credential,” making it clear to potential students that they will not receive credentials for teaching. The NASM, their accrediting body, agrees with this name change, and the CPP educational department has no objection with the proposed name.

The Academic Programs Committee conducted a campus-wide consultation; no concerns were raised.

## Recommendations

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the name change from “Music, B.M.-Pedagogy (Pre-credential) Subplan/Option ” to "Music Education Pre-Credential Subplan/Option.”