

Service Time Activity Report (STAR Hours – MUSE 3000)

All undergraduate education majors are required to complete a minimum of 900 observation/service hours within their respective curriculum. In the music education program of study, there are 770 total hours included in the coursework (EDUC courses, MUSE Methods courses, and student teaching). **That leaves 130 hours that must be obtained through completion of MUSE 3000, a requirement for graduation.**

As soon as you are enrolled as a music student at CSU, you may begin accumulating STAR hours toward the Music Education degree requirement. These field experience hours may be obtained through participation in any non-CSU affiliated class or activity, and some are weighted depending on the nature of the activity. As a benchmark, it is strongly recommended that you complete 65 STAR hours (half) by the end of your sophomore year. Credit for transfer students will be calculated on an individual basis. Your progress will be checked during advisement sessions.

Use the attached STAR chart to record your hours. A supervisor for each activity must sign your form and provide contact information for verification purposes. You may submit multiple forms together. As you approach the semester when you expect to complete your STAR hours (before student teaching), register for MUSE 3000 and submit your completed form(s) to the instructor by the end of that semester.

STAR hour activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Playing/Singing in an ensemble (NON-CSU)

- Includes rehearsals and performances

Observation of students in an educational setting (preferably music)

- Ex. Observe local school music teacher in class

GMEA/NAfME activities

Activities that involve teaching (by YOU) will count DOUBLE. These include:

Teaching private lessons

- Yes, you may earn money and STAR hours at the same time!

Teaching at a music camp or after-school program

- Ex. Marching band camps, LGPE after-school sectionals

Community outreach programs

- Ex. Instrument petting zoo, local school “arts” day

Rules

1. One activity can count for a maximum of 50 hours per year/season.
2. Activities that involve you receiving instruction (i.e. taking private lessons) do not count.
3. ASK a Music Education faculty member if you are unsure if (or how much) a particular activity will count toward STAR hours. Do this BEFORE you add it to the form.

*Remember: This program is geared toward giving you practical music teaching experiences outside of the classroom. Take advantage of every opportunity to prepare you for a teaching career.