

Junior Internship Program: Innovative Ways to Fulfill the Pre-Service Student Teaching Hours in Music Education

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The Junior Internship Program is available to education majors throughout Pennsylvania as a way to obtain twenty (20) student teaching hours to be used toward education certification. Through the music department at Lincoln University, Drs. Kirsten C. Kunkle and Christine Limb have investigated and begun to implement new and innovative ways to achieve these student teaching hours. Part of the Junior Internship Program requires the student to be monitored by a faculty member. Music education majors can work with the teacher directly to participate in educational experiences, such as conducting a band or choir, observing applied lessons and classes, working with teachers to develop lesson plans, providing musical coaching, and numerous other activities. Highlighted within this presentation is the ability to work toward producing an opera at the collegiate level. With numerous students interested in participating in the Junior Internship Program, Drs. Kunkle and Limb have worked to develop mentoring hours within the fields of stage craft, costume design, hair design, makeup design, lighting design, running rehearsals, and musical coaching.