



North Highland College University of the Highlands and Islands

Music Performance Units – Certificate in Higher Education SCQF 7

Overview of course

Students will learn with full time HNC music performance class. Learning can be tailored around their individual school timetable and musical interest. This is a great opportunity to have a taster of the music performance course and industry.

Entry requirements/criteria

- Passes at higher level
- Satisfactory reference and interview
- Demonstration of a keen interest in music

Additional attributes North Highland College UHI would look for

Prior knowledge and interest in the creative industries will be important for students undertaking this course. If choosing units that relate to the creation and performance of music a playing ability at Grade 5 in one instrument would also be expected.

Students will be expected to -

- Be prepared to work hard all session
- Catch up on work missed if they are absent
- Ask for help if they need it
- Revise throughout the session
- Access and use the virtual learning environment

Therefore, the following attributes and skills are important for applicants –

- Motivation for learning
- Commitment to take personal responsibility for learning
- Confidence to ask questions
- Dedication to completing work out with class
- Basic IT skills
- Independent study skills

What can students do after this course?

On completion students can progress onto the full time HNC Music Performance or apply to study BA Applied Music with the UHI (can be studied anywhere in Scotland).

Additional information on this course for Guidance Teachers

Music performance is an excellent choice for any student who wants to develop their playing skills and musicianship, learn more about the industry and the jobs available. People looking for work in music have to know about and be active in many aspects of the industry to make a living. The course breadth will prepare students for the world of work and further study in any of the creative subjects. The depth of understanding and application required to pass the course will place students at a significant advantage when pursuing further study or work in any subject area.

The course involves a lot of practical work where students will develop the skills they need in real life situations and will suit students who enjoy trying out a variety of techniques.

This course will be particularly suited to students who enjoy being creative and using a variety of modern technology to create.

Guidance teachers can help students think through these implications and assess their commitment and study skills to determine the level of course that would be most suitable to them.

Creative Industries Infrastructure, Music Theory 1, Working in the Creative Industries, Music First Study 1; instrument, Professional Practice for Musicians, Digital Audio Workstations, Creative Project, Music: Live Performance Skills 1 and Music: Second Study Composition are all units that could be studied by school students.

Studying parts of the course can be a significant advantage for those students planning to apply for degree programmes as they can use project evidence and experience as part of their application.