



Southern Oregon School of Music

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Guitar/Contemporary Band Teacher Job Description

Job Title: Guitar and Contemporary Band Teacher

Employment Type: Part-Time, Hourly. Hours vary depending upon teacher availability and student enrollment.

Position Summary

- Provide guitar instruction to students 8 years of age and older, fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment while guiding students through structured lessons and skill development.
- Teacher relationships with the students and families who take lessons are extremely important to us. We are looking for an individual who has a love for engaging with both children and adults and who can communicate information clearly and kindly with students, parents, and grandparents.
- Our teaching team works closely with the Director to deliver an exceptional learning experience, contributing to the growth of our students and the school.
- In addition to private guitar instruction, this position mentors, coaches, and leads student bands in rock, pop, country, or worship styles, helping students learn ensemble skills, develop performance readiness, and work together as a cohesive group.

Key Responsibilities

- Participate in our teacher onboarding program. See below for more details.
- Instruct students in both lead and rhythm guitar, focusing on effective playing technique, precise timing and rhythm, reading tablature and standard notation, music theory and fretboard navigation, improvisation, and confident performance. Offer constructive feedback to support each student's progress during every lesson.
- Select and assign appropriate repertoire across various styles based on student goals and interests.
- Help students set and achieve musical goals, such as performing at Southern Oregon School of Music Concerts, playing in a band or joining a church worship team, or personal growth milestones.
- Mentor, rehearse, and lead student bands, teaching ensemble skills such as listening, timing, blend, arrangement basics, stage presence, teamwork, and performance preparation across rock, pop, country, or worship band settings.
- Coordinate and facilitate band rehearsals, selecting appropriate group repertoire and guiding students through song structure, musical roles, and collaborative decision-making.
- Maintain consistent communication with students and parents regarding progress, practice expectations, and upcoming events.
- Keep accurate attendance, lesson notes, and progress records in our Opus 1 Music Studio Management system. Send lesson summaries to students and/or parents after each session.
- Assist with the organization and execution of our concert events.
- Encourage and support student involvement in concerts, recitals, and community events.
- Attend monthly team meetings and contribute to a collaborative teaching environment.

Qualifications

- Minimum of two years of formal guitar instruction or equivalent personal study.
- Significant performance experience in both lead and rhythm guitar.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the guitar fretboard, scales and chords, reading tablature and standard music notation, and music theory related to the guitar.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with a friendly and professional demeanor.
- Experience performing in and/or leading contemporary bands (rock, pop, country, or worship).
- Ability to coach band members on ensemble skills, musical roles, arrangement fundamentals, and performance techniques.
- Strong vocal ability or experience singing in bands is preferred but not required.

Teacher Onboarding

Our Teacher Onboarding Program offers a warm and structured welcome to both new and seasoned educators joining our school. Teachers begin with short, engaging online videos that introduce our teaching philosophy, classroom expectations, and practical techniques for creating a positive learning environment. They also spend time observing our experienced instructors, gaining real-world insight into how our approach comes to life with students. Throughout the process, our Director provides one-on-one mentorship, offering professional guidance, thoughtful feedback, and ongoing support to help each teacher feel confident and well-prepared as they step into their role.

Working Conditions

- Beautiful, well equipped teaching studios
- Flexible teaching schedule
- Ongoing support and training provided
- Time working is primarily spent teaching - marketing, scheduling, billing, etc. is handled by the school's administrative staff.
- You are joining a supportive team of teachers that work together to create a special place where students feel loved, receive a solid foundation in musical skills, and enjoy making music.
- For more information, review our core values and mission at <https://www.soschoolofmusic.com/about>

Would You Like to Join Our Team?

Complete the teacher application on our website at:
<https://www.soschoolofmusic.com/teach>