

Piano Technology Academic Senate Presentation

New Degrees and Certificates:

1. Presentation to Academic Senate, including:

- Anticipated resources and costs, including classified professional support and administrative oversight

No additional classified support is needed. We will be hiring our Piano Technician Peter Acronico as PT Music Faculty to teach and run this class/program. That will generate some additional paperwork and evaluations etc.

- Need or demand:

o CTE (LMI, advisory board)

To be Approved by the Commercial Music Advisory Board in February. Was discussed at the last meeting with strong support. The industry understands there is a huge need for more piano technicians in the field and that a program like this does not exist certainly in the Bay Area, but also in the whole west coast.

The lightcast data (attached) is flawed. It showed average wages, job openings, etc. but this data is limited to full-time positions and Piano Technicians are Independent Contractors who usually make their living tuning private clients' pianos. We will be tasking the new A&H Outreach Specialist with creating and implementing a survey which will go out to piano technicians and piano shops proving the demand we know is there.

We received a Perkins Grant to offer this program through Community Education as a Pilot Program and there are 16 enrolled! Which is all the more impressive because the fees are very high in Comm Ed (about \$500 per student). So we feel confident that if we offer this as a normal for-credit class it will be popular – again because there really is no similar program in the state.

o Transfer

N/A

o Local (similar programs in service area, some measure of need)

This would be the only program of its kind west of the Rockies. As part of the BACCC process I contacted all the nearby CCC music programs and received enthusiastic support. Here are some email conversations with our music department colleagues in the area;

"Hi Dan. First of all, this is an excellent idea: there is indeed a need for piano technicians."

Robert Hartwell – Foothill College

"I forwarded this to my fellow FT Music faculty members and we just spoke about it in our dept meeting. We like the idea of a piano tuning certificate, and would encourage any students interested in that area your way." DVC Music Department

"Yes, I'm happy to support it for you!" Tim Harris – Chabot College

Mission appropriateness – educational master plan (not required for Transfer programs)

Relevant to: offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' career-technical goals

- Curriculum required – course sequence

Piano Technology See below.

- FTEF required (if applicable)

Ideally we would get an additional 3.25 CAH each semester in order to offer the piano technology course in both the Fall and Spring. Music like many other disciplines was cut during Covid and hasn't been fully returned to pre-pandemic FTEF.

However, if no additional FTEF is available, we are prepared to cut either 1 GE a year in order to cross-list all 3 new courses 145/146/147 in one semester or cut 2 GEs a year to offer it each semester – which would be the ideal scenario.

With the new CalGetc GE Pattern, there will be about half the demand for Music GEs so we feel OK about cutting 1 per semester to make room for this very unique program. The other classes in the program are already offered and are part of our regular allotment or are in the Business department.

- Implementation schedule

Fall 2024 offer MUS 145, ideally Spring 2025 cross-listed 145/146, and Fall 2025 cross-list 145/146/147.

- Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) See attached file

Upon completion of Piano Technology Certificate of Achievement, the student will be able to tune, voice, regulate, and repair upright and grand pianos using industry standard equipment in a timely manner.

Upon completion of Piano Technology Certificate of Achievement, the student will be prepared to pass the Registered Piano Tuner certification through the Piano Technicians Guild.

- Program map (as part of the Guided Pathway process)

See attached file