

# Morgan Kuepfer

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## Education

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**University of British Columbia** *September 2020-July 2021*

Bachelor of Education – Secondary

- Specializations: Music & French

**Western University** *September 2014-April 2020*

Bachelor of Music – Honours Music Education

Bachelor of Arts – Specialization in French Studies

- Western Scholar
- Dean's Honour List, 2014-2020
- Global & Intercultural Engagement Honour

**University of Nice Sophia Antipolis** *September 2017-April 2018*

- Third Year Study Abroad in Nice

## Professional Experience

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### Contract Teacher

*Avon Maitland District School Board*

*North Perth Westfield Elementary School*

*February 2024-present*

- Leading the Kindergarten and Primary Music Program

### Long Term Occasional Teacher

*Avon Maitland District School Board*

*Bedford Public School*

*September 2023-January 2024*

- Taught Senior Kindergarten & Grade 1

*Bedford Public School*

*September 2022-June 2023*

- Taught Grade 1 French Immersion

*Anne Hathaway Public School*

*February 2022-June 2022*

- Taught Grade 1 French Immersion

*Stratford District Secondary School*

*January 2022*

- Taught Grade 9/10 Academic French Immersion (FIF1D/2D) ad Grade 11/12  
Academic Core French (FSF3U/4U)

*Central Huron Secondary School*

*September 2021-January 2022*

- Taught a semester of Grade 9 Applied Core French (FSF1P)

### Daily Occasional Teacher

*September 2021-present*

### Emergency Daily Occasional Teacher

*September 2020-June 2021*

*Avon Maitland District School Board*

- Implements lesson plans (remotely and on-site) provided by the regular classroom teacher to create a cohesive and consistent learning experience for students.
- Engages students effectively to encourage participation, minimize distractions, and maintain a positive learning environment.

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## Professional Experience (continued)

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### **Fitness Instructor**

*Devotion Dance Academy*

*February-May 2022*

*Perth East Recreation Centre*

*February 2022-present*

- Motivating participants to set and achieve fitness goals through high-intensity, cardio Zumba workouts that condition muscles and improve balance and flexibility.
- Leading Yoga Flow classes that focus on breath, decompressing, as well as building flexibility and strength in the body and mind.

### **Recreation Attendant**

*August 2020-December 2021*

### **Fitness Instructor**

*August 2020-present*

*Between the Lines Sports Campus*

- Assisted patrons, provided customer service, and supervised the use of recreational and sports equipment.
- Motivating participants to set and achieve fitness goals through high-intensity, cardio Zumba workouts that condition muscles and improve balance and flexibility.
- Leading Yoga Flow classes that focus on breath, decompressing, as well as building flexibility and strength in the body and mind.

### **Private Swimming Instructor**

*June 2020-present*

*Morgan's Private Swimming Lessons*

- Launched an entrepreneurial swimming lesson business for local families.
- Encourages students to become stronger swimmers through technique and stroke development.

### **Supply/Casual Call-in Emergency Support Staff**

*May 2019-January 2021*

*Avon Maitland District School Board*

- Provided physical, behavioural and/or academic support to students in integrated or self-contained settings.

### **Academic & Leadership Programmer**

*August 2018-March 2020*

*Western University Division of Housing & Ancillary Services*

- Collaborated with various on and off campus partners, residence student leaders, and residents' council to provide academic support and leadership opportunities to first years, particularly international students.
- Implemented innovative and creative programming for the largest first year residence, Saugeen-Maitland Hall (1200 students).
- Recipient of the Internationalization Award, Programming All-Star Award, Susan Grindrod Staff Award of Excellence, and Service Award.

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## Professional Experience (continued)

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### Residence Advisor

*August 2016-May 2017*

*Western University Division of Housing & Ancillary Services*

- Fostered a community atmosphere in residence, maintained a secure foundation for student transition, and ensured residence policies were upheld through open communication and administrative duties.

### Bartender

*July 2014-August 2019*

*Municipality of North Perth*

*Township of Perth East*

- Prepared and served alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to patrons.
- Assessed bar customers' needs and preferences and made recommendations.

### Head Lifeguard

*May 2017-August 2019*

### Seasonal Lifeguard and Instructor

*May 2013-August 2016*

*Atwood Lions Pool*

- Encouraged a team of lifeguards and instructors through team building, fitness training, customer service, and programming initiatives.

### Aquatic Supervisor

*May 2016-August 2016*

### Assistant Aquatic Supervisor

*May 2015-August 2015*

### Seasonal Lifeguard and Instructor

*May 2013-August 2014*

*Milverton PERC Pool*

- Cultivated leadership from the lifeguard team to discover new ways to implement quality programs and promote water safety.

### Self-Employed Piano Teacher

*September 2013-June 2014*

- Launched my first at-home beginner piano lessons business.
- Designed and developed my own curriculum, teaching resources, and beginner piano lesson book.

### Front End Cashier

*Loblaws Zehrs*

*September 2013-May 2014*

- Listened to customers concerns and inquiries while strengthening customer relation skills, individual leadership, and problem-solving abilities.

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## Teaching Practicum

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### Point Grey Secondary School

*2 weeks, Oct. 26-Nov. 6, 2020*

*10 weeks, Feb. 22-May 14, 2021*

- Assumed the role and responsibilities of the teacher for Strings 10-12, Concert Choir 10-12, Concert Band 10-12, Concert Band 9, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band B, Mini French 8, and Core French 11.
- Designed logically organized units, lessons, and experiences that are linked to identified goals and objectives for a variety of concepts and themes.
- Fostered a positive, supportive, and safe environment for collaboration, exploration, critical thinking/reflection and citizenship.
- Linked educational research to classroom practice through an effective cycle of questioning, reflection, and action.

### York House School

*3 weeks, May 17-June 4, 2021*

- Assisted with and co-taught K-7 general music and 8-12 concert choir.
- Engaged in constructive conversations with advisors to learn more about professional practice in elementary music.
- Developed rapport with students and contributed to the classroom community.

## Volunteer Experience

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### Early Outreach Conference Leadership Developer

*May 2019*

- Motivated and encouraged grade 7 and 8 students to set long-term goals by facilitating workshops and events.

### SWAM

*September 2016-April 2017*

- Instructed swimmers with disabilities to become more confident through barrier-free, one-on-one, water-safety and swimming instruction.

### LAMP Peer Mentor

*September 2015-April 2016*

- Mentored 50 first year Western students transition into University by organizing academic and social programming, one-on-one support, and resource referral.

### Children's Health Foundation

*November 2014-November 2016*

- Served as a greeter during the Annual Holiday Home Tour by maintaining a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

### Western Serves

*September 21, 2015*

- Advised the Latino Canadian Community of strategic business marketing strategies by assessing the goals and aspirations of the organization.

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## Community Engaged Learning Experience

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### **The Solomon and Lent Family Fund in Experiential Learning in Music**

*September 2019-March 2020*

- Co-conducted the Festival and Senior Choir.
- Created meaningful opportunities for musical engagement and creativity while building leadership and community within the ensembles.

### **Western Young Winds**

*January 2020-March 2020*

- Applied conducting and teaching skills in an authentic teaching environment by working directly with elementary and high school band students in both small group and full band settings.

### **Music Education in Action**

*September 2018-December 2018*

- Oversaw children ages six to eighteen through El Sistema Aeolian's afterschool music program.
- Led group activities and assisted during concerts to foster a positive learning environment.

### **Guatemala Study Abroad**

*April 2017-May 2017*

- Engaged in teaching and learning in an international setting through the music education department at Western University.
- Spearheaded a GoFundMe initiative to raise money and awareness for the local El Sistema organization to move to a safer part of the community.

### **Alternative Spring Break**

*February 2017*

- Engaged in projects that support youth development in the Dominican Republic while learning about education in a different cultural context.
- Designed our own lesson plans to teach English as a second language to students at the local schools.

## Service & Involvement

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### **Choir Council President**

*September 2019-April 2020*

- Advocated for the four choral ensembles at the faculty while providing singers with opportunities for professional development.
- Represented choir council and addressed issues related to the choral department at bi-weekly Faculty of Music Students' Council meetings.
- Verified Choir Council as a Western Co-Curricular Record activity.
- Published an article in 2020 for Anacrusis on the Western University Student Chapter Branch's accomplishments.

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## **Service & Involvement (continued)**

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### **Faculty of Music Students' Council**

*September 2019-March 2020*

- Represented choir council and addressed issues related to the choral department at bi-weekly meetings.

### **Choir Council Co-Chair**

*December 2018-April 2019*

- Established the Don Wright Faculty of Music Choral Department as a Student Branch of Choral Canada.
- Co-authored an article for Choral Canada's journal, Anacrusis.

### **French Department Class Representative**

*September 2018-April 2019*

- Communicated with the Department Chair and students to promote upcoming events, services, and opportunities.

### **International Learning Ambassador (ILA)**

*September 2018-April 2019*

- Promoted international learning to undergraduate students by facilitating classroom presentations, organizing international initiatives on campus, and connecting students to resources.

### **SNATS**

*September 2016-April 2017*

- Inspired student-ran discussions and events to learn more about voice teaching as a profession.

### **Music Education Student's Association (MESA)**

*September 2015-March 2020*

- Acquired experience and knowledge through insightful workshops based on problems and methods that teachers, music and non-music, face in their careers.

### **Western's French Club**

*September 2015-April 2019*

- Improved French oral communication skills by participating in their weekly conversation hours.

### **Leadership Education Program Facilitator**

*September 2015-April 2019*

- Strengthened public speaking abilities by incorporating personal and participant feedback into presentation delivery.

### **Music Student Ambassador**

*November 2015-April 2017*

- Guided tours and provided resources during houses, auditions, Ontario Universities Fair, and visiting groups at the Don Wright Faculty of Music.

### **UWO Dance Force**

*September 2015-April 2016*

- Organized various events, programs, and a year-end showcase to raise money for a non-profit organization or charity.

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## Service & Involvement (continued)

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### Western University Purpology Blogger

*September 2014-April 2016*

- Expanded writing abilities by informing present and future Western students about upcoming events, student life, and current issues.

## Workshops and Events

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### WSC Writing Workshops Participant

*January 2016*

- Actively participated in various workshops to improve grammar, fluidity and consistency in writing.

### Residence Leadership Conference

*November 22, 2014*

- Enhanced individual leadership skills by networking with various community involvement opportunities.

### Rotary Club of Ottawa Adventure in Citizenship

*April 2013*

- Examined the Canadian Parliament structure while experiencing a variety of Canadian cultural traditions and collaborating with other students from across Canada.

### Ontario Education Leadership Camp

*June 2012*

- Developed leadership skills through the many mediums of the arts, including music (vocal and instrumental), dance, visual arts, and drama.
- Optimized my passion and creativity to explore personal leadership styles in order to use these skills to create a positive impact within my school and community.

## Professional Affiliations

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### British Columbia Music Education Association (BCMEA)

*October 2020*

- Participated in the 2020 conference as a professional development and networking opportunity.

### Canadian Music Educators' Association (CMEA)

*June 2020-present*

- Current member.
- Participated in the 2020 Kenneth Bray Undergraduate Essay Competition.
- Published co-author in their journal, The Canadian Music Educator.

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## Professional Affiliations

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### Choral Canada

*January 2019-present*

- Current member.
- Corresponded with Debra Cairns to support the development of Western University's Student Chapter from 2019-2020.
- Articulated the experiences and accomplishments of the Student Chapter by writing year-end reports for Choral Canada in the spring of 2020.

### Ontario Music Education Association (OMEA)

*September 2016-present*

- Current member and active participant in their annual conference to learn about quality music education, share instructional strategies, resources and best practices, and enhance knowledge as an aspiring music specialist teacher.

## Publications

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Bylica, K., & Kuepfer, M. (2021). Mentoring in Community-Based Fieldwork: Drawing from Experience. *Canadian Music Educator*, 62(4), 20.

Kuepfer, M., Waldock, S. (2019). 2018/2019 Student Chapter Activities. *Anacrusis*, 37(3), 33.

Kuepfer, M. (2020). The First Year Makings of Western's Student Chapter Branch. *Anacrusis*, 38(2), 52.

## Professional Development & Certifications

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### OT AMETFO & Stratford Festival

Movement & Storytelling Drama Workshop

*February 27, 2024*

### Learning at the Primary Pond - Alison

7 Engaging, Research-Based Phonics Routines for K-2 (Webinar)

*August 5, 2022*

How to Implement Writing Workshop in K-2 (Webinar)

*August 6, 2022*

5 Secrets to Getting K-2 Students to Write Independently (Webinar)

*September 1, 2022*

How to Make High-Frequency Words Stick (Webinar)

*September 19, 2022*

5 Strategies That Teach K-2 Students to Write Strong Sentences (Webinar)

*March 20,*

*2023*

### Western University - ASPIrE - Advanced Studies in Professional Education

Primary ABQ

*July 31, 2022*

Mathematics Primary & Junior Part 1

*July 31, 2022*

### Unlocking Science of Reading (SOR)

Summer Conference

*July 30, 2022*



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## Professional Development & Certifications (continued)

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### AIM Language Learning

Beginner French (Core/FSL) Virtual Summer Institute *August 23-24, 2021*  
Refresh, Reinforce and Consolidate (French Immersion) *August 27-28, 2022*

### YogaRenew

200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training Course in Multi-Style Yoga *February 19, 2021*  
30 Hour Children's Yoga Course *September 13, 2021*

### International Open Academy

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) *April 2020*

### Canfitpro

Fitness Instructor Specialist *Recertified March 31, 2022*

### Zumba

Zumba Basic 1 *November 21, 2015*  
Zumba Glutes & Core *April 13, 2020*  
Zumba Burst *April 14, 2020*  
Zumba Rhythms 2 *January 9,*  
*2021*  
Aqua Zumba *January 23, 2021*  
Zumba Cue Like a Pro *March 15, 2021*  
Zumba Kids & Kids Jr. *September 19, 2021*  
Zumba Gold *September 26, 2021*  
Plate by Zumba *March 5, 2022*  
Social Media Foundations *March 5, 2022*  
India eLearning *March 6, 2022*  
Caribbean eLearning *March 14, 2022*  
Brazil eLearning *March 14, 2022*  
Africa eLearning *March 14, 2022*

### France Education International (CIEP)

DALF C1 *June 28, 2019*

### LivingWorks

SafeTALK *August 28, 2019*  
Start Training *September 13, 2021*

### Behaviour Management Systems

Behaviour Management Systems Training *May 31, 2019*

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## Professional Development & Certifications (continued)

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### Canadian Red Cross

Standard First-Aid and CPR-C

*Recertified March 15, 2022*

### Lifesaving Society

Advanced Instructor

*April 25, 2015*

Lifesaving Instructor Recert

*March 22, 2022*

Emergency First Aid Instructor Recert

*March 22, 2022*

Examiner - Bronze Reappointment

*March 22, 2022*

Lifesaving Swim Instructor Recert

*March 22, 2022*

National Lifeguard – Pool

*June 2, 2019*

National Lifeguard – Pool

*June 2, 2019*

### WaterART Fitness

Shallow Water Splash

*May 23, 2015*

Target Training Muscles

*May 23, 2015*

### Leadership Education Program (Western University)

Tier 1: Individual Leadership

*April 2015*

Tier 2: Group Leadership

*December 2014*

Tier 3: Community Leadership

*April 2017*

### Learning Skills Centre (Western University)

Certificate of Academic Engagement

*September 2014*

### Canadian National Conservatory of Music

Grade 9 Piano

*July 2014*

Grade 9 History

*September 2013*

Grade 9 Harmony

*August 2012*

## Honours & Awards

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### Listowel District Secondary School

*Class of 2014*

#### Doris Armitage Memorial Scholarship

- Awarded to the student with the highest proficiency in Grade 12 French.

#### Student Council Award

- Awarded to students who have made a positive contribution to their school.

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## Honours & Awards (continued)

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### Listowel District Secondary School *Class of 2014*

#### **Lorne Willits Music Award**

- Awarded to the student who has made an outstanding contribution to the LDSS music program and is continuing to post-secondary music studies.

#### **LDSS Excellence in Music**

- Awarded to the student who has made a positive contribution to the LDSS music program.

#### **Valedictorian Award**

- Awarded to the student who was chosen to represent the graduating class by delivering a speech at commencement.

### **Western University**

#### **International Learning Award**

*January 2017*

- Awarded to a student in second year, planning an international learning experience in their third year of study. Recipients must have cumulative 80% average with a full-time course load at the end of Year 2.
- Participated in a study abroad opportunity to Guatemala.

#### **Fairmount Foundation**

#### **International Learning Bursary**

*January 2017*

- Awarded to a student who wishes to participate in an international learning experience.
- Participated in an exchange to Nice, France.

#### **Community Engaged Learning Award**

*January 2017*

- Awarded to a student who wishes to connect academic course content with meaningful community engagement that contributes to both student learning, and local and international community development.
- Participated in the Alternative Spring Break program to the Dominican Republic and a Study Abroad opportunity in Guatemala to learn about music education.

#### **International Exchange Awards**

*July 2017*

- Dorothy Turville Language Travelling Fellowship
- Wilfred and Zeta O'Donnell Language Travelling Fellowship
- Third Year in Nice Study Abroad Award

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## Honours & Awards (continued)

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### Western University Housing

#### Global and Intercultural Engagement Honour

*May 2019*

- Recognizes a student's experience in engagement in global and intercultural competencies
- Students awarded this Honour are global ready graduates who have the skills required to navigate and success in an increasingly globalized reality, both professionally and personally.

#### Internationalization Award

*April 2019*

- Recognizes a staff member who has gone above and beyond in welcoming and supporting the international and exchange students within their floor or building community.

#### Susan Grindrod Residence Staff Award of Excellence

*April 2019*

- Recognizes a Residence Staff member who has exemplified leadership, excelled in their role and demonstrated a lasting impact on their residence community.

#### Programming All-Star Award

*April 2020*

- Recognizes a staff member who has developed and executed a highly successful program in their residence community that is added to the online programming resource center for future residence staff to use within the residence community.

### Western University Don Wright Faculty of Music

#### Willena Evans Award in Music

*November 2016*

- Awarded to a student who demonstrates a combination of academic and musical excellence. Established by a generous bequest from Willena Evans.

#### Parents Fund Award

*November 2016*

- Awarded annually to a student in second, third or fourth year in Music who has achieved at least a B average while demonstrating leadership and participation in extracurricular activities.

#### Hymn Society Music Award

*November 2016*

- Awarded to a keyboard or voice student in year two or beyond, based on academic achievement. Preference is given to a student involved in church music who has displayed professional conduct.
- Also the recipient of the George Black Memorial Scholarship in December 2017, awarded to past recipients of the Hymn Society Music Award.

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## Honours & Awards (continued)

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### Western University Don Wright Faculty of Music

#### **Marguerite L. Geiger Award**

*November 2017*

- Awarded to one undergraduate student who will enter or continue in any year of Music based on academic, musical excellence, and financial need.

#### **Albert Whitlow Choral Award**

*November 2017*

- Awarded to one undergraduate student in second year or above who has demonstrated promise as a choral conductor and demonstrates financial need, in consultation with the senior Choral Conductor. Established through the generosity of the London Music Scholarship.

#### **Deral Johnson Legacy Award in Choral Music Conducting**

*October 2018*

- Awarded annually to an undergraduate or graduate student who has strong academic achievements, and excels in choral music leadership.

#### **Mu Phi Epsilon Award**

*November 2019*

- Awarded to a student entering the graduating year of the Bachelor of Music program who shows excellence both in performance and academic achievement.

### UWO Bursaries

#### **Harry C. Steels Bursary**

*November 2019*

- Available to a financially needy student registered in any year of any program in Modern Languages or French.
- Established through Foundation Western by Mrs. T.C. Joyce in memory of her father, Harry C. Steels.

#### **Arts MET**

*November 2019*

- Available to full-time and part-time students in any year or program, who are in financial need.

### University of British Columbia Faculty of Education

#### **Don Wright Scholarship in Vocal/Choral Music Education**

*November 2021*

- Awarded to a student in the Music Education program who has demonstrated a special aptitude for and exceptional teaching of vocal and choral music.

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## **Honours & Awards (continued)**

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### **University of British Columbia Faculty of Education**

#### **Dora S Simpson Memorial Scholarship**

*November 2021*

- Awarded to needy and deserving students in the Faculty of Education.

#### **Outstanding Practicum Award**

*November 2021*

- Awarded to students whose work during the extended practicum identified them as teachers of exceptional promise. Recipients of this award receive a distinctive pin.