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REGINA, JUNE 19 - The new bachelor of music course at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, will prepare students to make the most of a growing number of career opportunities both in Canada and the United States, Dr. W.A. Riddell, principal, said today.

Dr. Riddell said that career opportunities are increasing in Saskatchewan as well as across Canada for people with suitable academic qualifications, particularly in the flourishing field of school music teaching. The four-year bachelor of music program, which will be introduced this fall, will offer options to meet the particular needs of school music teachers, performers and composers. Students wishing to enter must have Grade 12 standing with one language, Grade nine practical music (Western Board) and Grades four and five music theory (Western Board). Equivalent standing from other examining bodies will be accepted.

Dr. Riddell said that the aim has been to develop a course of sufficient scope to interest serious students of music and to fit them for a professional career as performers or teachers.

"We believe that for a bachelor of music course to be successful, there must be a sound grounding in the practical aspects of music with performance developed to a high level, as well as an academic program which provides for depth of study in theory and history and the other facets of music education that go to make a highly qualified person in this field."

The specialized program in music will be supplemented by classes in non-music academic subjects to provide a basic general education at the university level.

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"For many years senior students at the Regina Conservatory of Music have been leaving the city to further their music education elsewhere. Many others have obtained associate diplomas and then drifted into other fields of activity, chiefly because no academic qualifications have been available here adequate to prepare them for a career in music."

He said the bachelor of music course is designed to meet the needs of the students and the community and will utilize the resources of the Conservatory of Music.