

Music is a Mind Builder

An introduction to
The Royal Conservatory
Certificate Program



**The Royal
Conservatory®**
The finest instrument is the mind.



Developing Human Potential

Research shows that formal music education contributes to cognitive development.



The quality of a child's music education is linked to their academic achievement.

Elementary school students in higher quality music education programs saw a 20% improvement in standardized tests of English and math.

Source: Johnson, CM and Memmott JE, *Examination of Relationships between Participants in School Music Programs of Differing Quality and Standardized Test Results*, Journal of Research in Music Education (Winter 2006), Volume 54, Number 4



**BRAINS OF
MUSICALLY
TRAINED
INDIVIDUALS:**

- Better memory and attention
- Improved brain structure and function
- Higher IQ

Learn more about the benefits of music education
rcmusic.com/music-study

The Benefits of Formal Music Education

Comprehensive musical training benefits both brain structure and brain function. Just like well-exercised muscles protect the bones and joints, reduce blood pressure and increase energy levels, music education produces bigger, better-functioning brains—a benefit to people of any age.



The Royal Conservatory of Music

For over 130 years, The Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) has been a leader in **developing human potential** through music education and the arts.

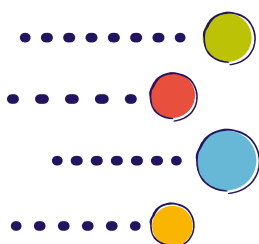
Our program is used by over 30,000 teachers to support 500,000 students across North America. Our more than 5 million RCM alumni have built careers in a wide range of fields, including medicine, law, journalism, and professional athletics.

WHY STUDY THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM?

The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program is a **comprehensive system of music study and assessment** from Elementary through to Advanced levels. In many countries, it is considered the gold standard for developing high-calibre musical literacy.

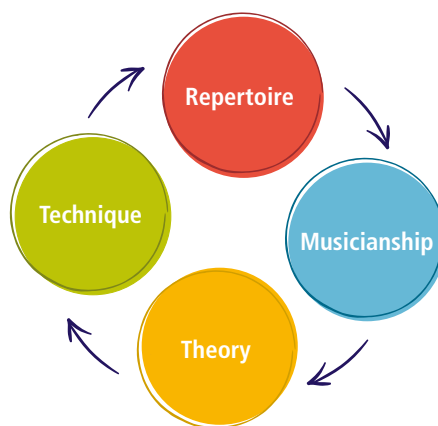


At each level of the RCM Certificate Program, **students are supported** with accompanying publications to help them develop into well-rounded musicians.



With a focus on nurturing creativity and developing self-confidence, our program allows students to **work at their own pace.**

Our **integrated curriculum** encompasses repertoire from classical to contemporary, as well as etudes, ear tests, sight reading, technique, and theory **for over 20 instruments**, voice, and speech arts and drama.



Individual student examinations, delivered by one of our 300+ accredited examiners, enable students to track their progress and **celebrate their accomplishments.**

Tracking Progress

RCM examinations are available for both Practical (performance) and Theory (written)

The Benefits of Examinations

- Build self-confidence
- Encourage goal setting
- Provide a national standard for students to track their progress
- Promote well-rounded musical training

What to Expect at an Examination

- An objective assessment of the student's skill for that level
- A friendly yet professional atmosphere
- Personalized feedback and marks available online within a few weeks

PRACTICAL

Practical examinations evaluate the performance of repertoire, etudes or vocalises, aural skills, sight reading or singing, and orchestral excerpts for string, brass, and wind instruments.

THEORY

Theory examinations evaluate the understanding of theory basics such as musical notation. Advanced levels include harmony, counterpoint, analysis, and history.

For resources to help prepare for examination day rcmusic.com/exam-prep

TIPS FOR SUPPORTING MUSIC STUDY

Students and Parents:

- Create time for consistent, dedicated practice
- Collaborate with your teacher to establish achievable short- and long-term goals
- Celebrate success and accomplishments!

Recognizing Achievement

Certificates, Diplomas, Awards, and High School Credits

A **Certificate of Achievement** can be earned at each level of study by successfully completing all the requirements for each level of The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program.

The **ARCT Diploma** is recognized internationally and is one of the highest academic credentials awarded by The Royal Conservatory.

All examination candidates are eligible to receive **Gold Medal awards** from The Royal Conservatory. These awards are based on examination results.

Many school systems recognize RCM examinations for **credit toward secondary school graduation**.



Parents:

- Communicate regularly with both your child and teacher
- Support your child during practice sessions either as a coach or an engaged listener
- Encourage improvisation and student-driven exploration of the instrument

TIPS FOR
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MUSIC STUDY

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with The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program



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