

Recognizing Achievement



RCM Guide to Examinations

The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program is a comprehensive system of music study and assessment from Elementary to Advanced levels.

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

The Benefits of Examinations

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

What to Expect at an Examination

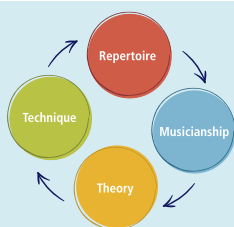
- An objective assessment of the student's skill for that level
- A friendly yet professional atmosphere
- Personalized feedback and marks
- Results available online



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Practical Requirements

| Practical Certificate | Examinations Required |
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| Preparatory A (piano only) | Preparatory A Practical |
| Preparatory B (piano only) | Preparatory B Practical |
| Introductory or Preparatory (non piano) | Introductory or Preparatory Practical |
| Level 1 | Level 1 Practical |
| Level 2 | Level 2 Practical |
| Level 3 | Level 3 Practical |
| Level 4 | Level 4 Practical |
| Comprehensive Certificate | Examinations Required |
| Level 5 | Level 5 Practical Level 5 Theory |
| Level 6 | Level 6 Practical Level 6 Theory |
| Level 7 | Level 7 Practical Level 7 Theory |
| Level 8 | Level 8 Practical Level 8 Theory |
| Level 9 | Level 9 Practical Level 8 Theory Level 9 History Level 9 Harmony (or Keyboard Harmony) |
| Level 10 | Level 10 Practical Level 8 Theory Level 9 History Level 9 Harmony (or Keyboard Harmony) Level 10 History Level 10 Harmony & Counterpoint (or Keyboard Harmony) |
| ARCT Diploma | For information about ARCT requirements, visit rcmusic.com/ARCT |



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

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Theory Requirements

| Theory Certificate | Examinations Required |
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| Level 5 | Level 5 Theory |
| Level 6 | Level 6 Theory |
| Level 7 | Level 7 Theory |
| Level 8 | Level 8 Theory |
| Level 9 | Level 9 History Level 9 Harmony (or Keyboard Harmony) |
| Level 10 | Level 10 History Level 10 Harmony & Counterpoint (or Keyboard Harmony) |

The **Theory Syllabus, 2016 Edition** includes Levels Prep to ARCT to encourage the study of theory at every level and to support practical studies.

PRACTICAL: These examinations evaluate the performance of repertoire, etudes or vocalises, technical tests, aural skills, sight reading/singing, and orchestral excerpts for strings, brass, and wind instruments.

THEORY: These examinations evaluate the understanding of the building blocks of music, from the basics of notation at the Elementary levels to structural and harmonic analysis at the Advanced levels.

Examination Sessions

DECEMBER/JANUARY SESSION

Registration Deadline: November

Theory Examinations: December

Practical Examinations: January

APRIL SESSION (in select centers)

Registration Deadline: January

Practical Examinations*: April

*Piano examinations only.

Theory examinations not available.

MAY/JUNE SESSION

Registration Deadline: March

Theory Examinations: May

Practical Examinations: June

AUGUST SESSION

Registration Deadline: June

Theory Examinations: August

Practical Examinations: August

For specific dates: rcmusic.com/ExamInfo

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Earn Secondary School Credits

Every province in Canada awards secondary school credits for the successful completion of The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program examinations.

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PRACTICE THEORY PAPERS:

Studying for Theory examinations? Use our official practice theory papers to help you prepare.

CelebrateTheory.com

Medals and Awards

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

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DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES:

Certificates are mailed three times each year in March, August, and October. Certificates for the April Session and May/June (Spring) Session are included in the August mailing.

The ***Celebrate Theory*** series supports students at every stage of musical development with an interactive and engaging approach to presenting theoretical concepts.

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