

# Application Procedures for Master of Music in Music Education with Kodály Emphasis\*

\***Note:** These application procedures are for the graduate degree program, which is separate from the Kodály Certification program. Graduate degree students must be accepted by the Graduate School at CSU. Once accepted, you may earn Kodály Certification, and will also be expected to complete all specified requirements indicated in the M.M. Kodály Emphasis degree sequence.

## Masters of Music in Music Education, Kodály Emphasis

### **Program description:**

The Master of Music in Music Education with Kodály Emphasis is a graduate degree program designed for:

- *elementary classroom music teachers*
- *independent music instructors*
- *secondary music teachers*

The goal of the program is to inspire and assist students in developing their teaching, conducting, musicianship, and depth of knowledge about music education. Our program is one of the few Master's programs in the United States that is centered on classroom music teaching.

Another unique aspect of this program is that it enables students to earn National Certification in Kodály music teaching through CSU's Colorado Kodály Institute while earning a Master's degree. The Colorado Kodály Institute is one of the select programs endorsed by the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE). The pedagogy and solfège faculty are among the top experts in the United States and CSU's new University Center for the Arts and location in the foothills of the Rockies provide an inspiring setting for personal growth.

The degree is designed to be completed over a time span of three summers, with several online and/or evening courses required to be taken during the school year. Students have the option, therefore, of living remotely during the school year and traveling to Fort Collins for the core summer coursework. The majority of participants in this degree program teach either part or full-time during the school year, gaining relevant experience while pursuing the graduate degree. As a result, they are continually assimilating real-world teaching experiences into their academic coursework.

### **The Admissions Process**

The Graduate School and Music Department base admission on a variety of criteria.

**STEP ONE:** To apply to the Graduate School, submit the online Graduate School application and all supporting documents (including official, sealed transcripts from all colleges attended) by the appropriate date. Applications completed later than the published deadlines may be considered depending on space and resources available. Late applications that cannot be considered will be updated by the Office of Admissions to a later semester.

Application to the M.M. in any music program is contingent upon admission to the Colorado State University Graduate School.

- A bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with a minimum average of 3.0 (A = 4.0). If your average is below 3.0, you may be considered for conditional admission if sufficient evidence indicates that you can perform well in a graduate program. Students with an undergraduate GPA of less than 3.0 seeking admission to any graduate degree program are required to submit additional information.
- For the M.M. Kodály degree program, it is expected that applicants hold State Teaching Licensure in K-12 Music and an undergraduate degree in Music Education. Applicants who hold these qualifications will be given the strongest consideration, although others may be considered under special circumstances.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Graduate School's Admissions Requirements and Procedures available at:

<http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/prospective-students/>

Note: Scores from the general exam of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are not required for students seeking admission to any Music program. If you are a non-native speaker of English, a TOEFL score of 550 (paper based); 80 (internet based) or an IELTS score of 6.0 required for admission to any music program.

**STEP TWO:** After submitting an application to the Graduate School online, you must apply to the School of Music. Send the following items:

- official, sealed undergraduate transcripts
- a typed statement of career goals and reasons for applying to the degree program
- a 5-10 page writing sample (this may be a paper from your undergraduate degree program)
- a 35-45 minute Music Teaching DVD (must demonstrate your musicianship and include a typed lesson plan) to:

**Mr. Murray Oliver**  
**Director of Graduate Studies**  
**Colorado State University**  
**Campus Delivery 1778**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80523-1778**

Note: DVD's must be labeled with specific information about what grade level class is being taught and where. Please do not send YouTube video links. Audiotapes will not be accepted.

Upon receipt of all application materials, we will contact you to schedule a **personal interview with our Music Education faculty**. Out-of-state applicants may arrange a personal interview by telephone if needed.

## Application Deadlines

General deadlines for the receipt of complete applications are as follows:

Fall Semester	<b>March 1</b>
Spring Semester	<b>October 1</b>
Summer Term	<b>February 1</b>