

Application Information for Master of Music in Music Education (full time)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Music in Music Education specialization is a graduate degree program designed for practicing elementary and secondary music teachers who hold a K-12 State Music Teaching license. Specifically, this program is designed to inspire and develop the next generation of leaders in the field of Music Education by developing and applying scholarly research skills in the field of music education, the in-depth study of advanced pedagogical expertise, and the impact of contemporary learning theory on K-12 music education.

In this program, successful students will have the opportunity to gain content knowledge regarding the history and philosophy of music education, an understanding of how quantitative, qualitative, and historical music research is conducted, advanced skills in music analysis and interpretation, and a contemporary understanding of the pedagogy of music teaching and learning. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in CSU Music Ensembles to continue to develop as musical artists. Additionally, students are expected to be full-time students in residence and will most likely be given the opportunity to teach or assist with undergraduate music education coursework depending upon level of expertise and program demands.

The degree coursework is designed to be completed over a time span of two years. Students in this program are expected to be in residency full-time during the school year and are encouraged to take advantage of the diverse summer elective offerings.

All students in this program are strongly encouraged to undertake the Plan A Track, which involves one extra semester of coursework to write a Master's Thesis. The Master's Thesis distinguishes your work in the program and prepares you with the qualifications needed to pursue doctoral work later in the future. Plan B Track students do not undertake a Thesis.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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 3.25 (A = 4.0). If your average is below 3.25, 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.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Graduate School's Admissions Requirements and Procedures. [Click here.](#)

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 minimum 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 materials to Professor Murray Oliver, Director of Graduate Studies in Music (murray.oliver@colostate.edu):

- **Official, sealed undergraduate transcripts**
- **a typed statement of career goals and specific reasons for applying to the CSU degree program (2-3 pages)**
- **a narrative essay that considers a current issue facing the field of music education in K-12 schools in the United States (ideally between 5-10 pages in length),**
- **a 35-45 minute Music Teaching DVD (please include a lesson plan or narrative description including lesson objectives and relevant contextual information)**

Note: DVD's must be labeled with specific information about what is included on the recording. 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 Skype or telephone if needed. For additional questions about the Master of Music, Music Education (in-residence) program, please contact Dr. Erik Johnson at e.johnson@colostate.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

Fall Semester (March 1)

Spring Semester (Oct. 1)

EXIT EXAMS REQUIREMENTS

Comprehensive written and oral exams are required for graduation and are completed during the final semester of study. Specific exam requirements are determined by the student's advisor and committee. Please contact your Advising Committee for more information.

ADVISORS

Before the beginning of your first semester, you will be assigned an advisor who will direct your program of study as well as your Graduate Exit Committee for your degree.

The name of your advisor will be determined by your program of study:

Dr. Ryan Olsen (ryan.olsen@colostate.edu) – Choral

Dr. Bonnie Jacobi (bonnie.jacobi@colostate.edu) – Elementary

Dr. Erik Johnson (e.johnson@colostate.edu) – Instrumental