

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

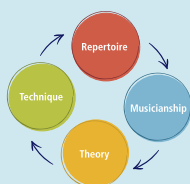
- An objective assessment of the student's skill for that level
- A friendly yet professional atmosphere
- Personalized feedback and marks
- Results available online



Recognizing Achievement:

Practical Requirements	
Practical Certificate	Examinations Required
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

*Students completing only the practical examinations for Levels 5 through 10 will receive a Practical Certificate.



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

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Theory Requirements	
Theory Certificate	Examinations Required
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 <i>Theory Syllabus, 2016 Edition</i> 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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SESSION

Registration Deadline: October
Theory Examinations: December
Practical Examinations: November/December

MAY/JUNE SESSION

Registration Deadline: February
Theory Examinations: May
Practical Examinations: May/June

AUGUST SESSION

Theory Examinations Only*

Registration Deadline: May

*Practical Examinations offered in select centers only.

For specific dates, please visit
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Earn Secondary School Credits

School systems across the US may consider achievement in The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program examinations for secondary school credits. Each state and/or school board determines eligibility for their jurisdiction. To assist school officials with assessing the course requirements and learning outcomes of The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program, download the Support Document for External High School Accreditation at rcmusic.com/HighSchoolCredit

Medals and Awards

Examination candidates may be eligible to receive National Gold Medals and Certificates of Excellence based upon their examination results.

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PRACTICE THEORY PAPERS:

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

CelebrateTheory.com

DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES:

Certificates are mailed in late March, late August and late October.

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



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