

Master of Music in Music Education

Program Information

Where does the program take place?	Summer courses will take place at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. If you choose to take the music education core classes during the fall and spring semesters, those courses will be offered online.
When does the program start and how long does it run?	Courses begin in July 2022. Students have the option to complete the program in two years (example enrollment: summer, fall, spring, summer, capstone project) or can choose to take courses only during the summer sessions. Students may also discuss flexible completion options with the program director.
Can I complete my Master of Music online?	Students can complete two of the core music education courses online during the fall and spring semesters. All other courses will be completed in-person.
	Yes, international students may apply to the program. Students must submit their undergraduate transcript(s) to an approved credential evaluation agency for review and validation prior to applying to the program. These agencies can be found on the NACES website (www.naces.org).
I completed my degree outside the US. Am I eligible to apply for the program?	Non-native English speakers must demonstrate proficiency in English by providing one of the following:
	ELTS with a minimum test score of 6.5 TOEFL with a minimum test score of 80
	Please review other requirements for international students on the Application page .
How many students are accepted into the program each year?	Cohort size is capped at 12 students.
Who is the program intended for?	Our program is designed primarily for working music teachers. The hybrid program design is ideal for busy professionals to complete while teaching.
Does my teaching experience improve my chance of being admitted to the program?	The admissions team is looking for applicants with a combination of strong academic records, diverse life and teaching experiences, and a passion to improve their classroom methods, positively impacting the field of music education. An educator does not need to be currently teaching in a classroom to be accepted to the program.



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When can I apply to the program?	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis starting in September for the following year's program. Review of applications begins in October and will continue through June, or until the cohort is filled.
What are the requirements for admission to the program?	Students must have graduated from an accredited music program, earning either a BA, BM, or BS in Music Education (or alternative licensure) or other music specialization with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
Are there any prerequisites for the program?	Students must have completed at least one year (at the beginning of coursework) of music teaching in a public or private school setting.
How do I apply to the program?	The application and all required material are submitted through GradCAS .
	Create an account in GradCAS
	Select Summer 2022
	Search for Concordia College and Master of Music in Music Education as your program of interest
	Submit your completed application along with the \$30 fee
	Applications will not be reviewed until all materials have been submitted.
	Applicants are able to check the status of their application in their GradCAS account. Visit the Applicant Help Center to learn more about the application process.
Are there additional materials required as part of the application?	Yes, the following are required to complete your application:
	Official transcripts from all post-high school institutions sent directly to GradCAS. (See transcript FAQ)
	Three professional references (See reference FAQ)
	A current one-page resume
	A 20-minute teaching video
	An interview with Concordia music education faculty (in-person or online)
	See the Admission & Application page for more details.
How do I submit my official transcripts? Can my transcripts be reviewed prior to the application period?	Request your official transcripts from each post-high school institution's registrar's office and have them sent directly to GradCAS: Transcript Processing Center PO Box 9201 Watertown, MA 02471
	Your transcripts will be attached to your application. Transcripts are only reviewed through the actual application process, please do not send them directly to Concordia College.



How does the reference process work?

We require three evaluations. The individuals you choose should not be related to you, and should have strong knowledge of your professional character including observation of special skills, your ability to succeed in a graduate program, achievements and/or professional experiences. Please notify your evaluators in advance they will receive a link to the **Liaison Evaluator Portal** to create an account and complete the standard form. Evaluators also have the option to upload a personal letter.

Your GradCAS application will have a designated tab for you to request evaluators.

How do I know if my application has been received and/or reviewed?

Throughout the application process you will receive email notifications... when you submit your application, after required materials have been received and when your application is under review. If you have questions during the application process, please contact our <u>admissions team</u>.

Program Outcomes

Students will:

Develop advanced competencies in music education philosophy and knowledge of how music education has evolved both in an historical sense and in the public schools.

Understand the research paradigms that are commonly used in music education and will know how to interpret music education studies.

What will I take away from the program?

Gain a deeper knowledge of music curriculum and will be able to express the multiple ways in which their curricular choices impact student learning.

Know the ways in which psychology impacts music teaching and learning. Students will have a thorough understanding of specific learning theories and the psychologists, educators, and researchers that have developed said theories.

Gain a deeper understanding of best practices in teaching in a variety of music classroom settings.

Strengthen their personal musicianship with opportunities to explore the historical, theoretical, and cultural foundations of music on a deeper level.

What kind of support will I receive from faculty during the program?

The graduate faculty represent professors and instructors from Concordia College. They share a wide array of diverse experiences and excellence in music instruction. Faculty will advise and mentor each student through an understanding of their specific needs and goals. Given the small cohort size, strong relationships are formed with students as they continue their career path.



Financial Information

What does the program cost?	The per credit cost for graduate courses is \$595. This includes fees covering technology, library, and campus offices support. The cost of tuition and fees to complete the minimum 34 credit program is \$20,230. Please visit the Program Cost page for more information.
Is there financial aid available for the program?	To apply for all forms of federal financial aid you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The FAFSA can be completed any time after October 1 for the following academic year. Students will also need to complete a FAFSA for the current academic year to receive aid for the first summer session. It is necessary to complete a FAFSA every year. An award letter is sent to students once financial aid has been approved. The financial aid package is awarded based on financial aid contained in the FAFSA. Aid received from any source that was not originally considered in the aid package may affect the amount received. Students are required to notify the Financial Aid Office about all aid received from other sources.
	Check out Concordia's information on Filing your FAFSA. More information can be found on the Program Cost page.
Who do I contact if I have questions regarding financial aid?	Any questions regarding financial aid (scholarships, loans, etc.) should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid at (218) 299-3010 or email finaid@cord.edu .
Is there housing available during the summer sessions?	Concordia offers affordable, on-campus housing for our grad students. Students will have the opportunity to build supportive relationships with their cohort and faculty during the summer.
How do I pay my tuition and fees?	Cash Business Office Check or Money Order Business Office or via mail (please include your student ID number) Electronic Check online from checking or savings Credit Card online (American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted and a convenience fee of 2.85% of the transaction amount will be assessed) International Wire online via TouchNet / Western Union Monthly Payment Plan via Tuition Management Systems
Are paper statements mailed out each month?	No, paper statements are only sent to the student's permanent address in mid-July and mid-December. All other monthly statements (including summer session statements) are only available online via TouchNet on CobberNet and are due the 15th of the following month. Between billing cycles, updated balances or current activity can be viewed by logging into the "eBill" site and selecting the "recent account activity" link (Current Account Status tab).
How will I know when a new state- ment is available?	Emails will be sent to students at their Concordia email address indicating that a new billing statement has been prepared and is ready for viewing. The email sent to students provides a link to the C-Port login. Once logged in to C-Port, students can access the "eBill" page by selecting the TouchNet icon. Monthly statements will be ready approximately the 17th of each month.



Why do I have to pay a convenience fee to make a credit card payment?	Concordia College contracts with a third party service provider (TouchNet/Pay Path) to ensure compliance with Payment Card Industry (PCI) and Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS) card association rules. The 2.85% rate charged by the service provider is collected and retained by the service provider and is non-refundable.
When are payments due?	Payment Due Dates: Summer First time enrollees July 15 Summer Continuing enrollees June 15 Fall August 15 Spring January 15 Any subsequent charges are due by the 15th of the following month. Interest (8% per annum) is assessed on fee statement charges if not paid in full by the due date. Registration for future semesters and release of transcripts may not be allowed until outstanding fees are paid.
Can international students pay online if they do not have a US bank account?	Yes, international students can pay through an international bank wire in TouchNet. Please select the Bank Wire payment method and follow the directions when making your online payment in TouchNet.
Can my employer pay my tuition?	Yes, your employer will need to notify the Business Office in writing that they wish to pay for your tuition. They will need to include the following in their letter: The name of the student The name of the employer The address where the billing statement should be sent The amount of payment employer is authorizing Any restrictions or conditions on the payment of your tuition Employers can send the letter to: Concordia College Attn: Larry Rock 901 8th St S Moorhead, MN 56562
What is the Payment Agreement and Disclosure Statement?	The Payment Agreement and Disclosure Statement is an agreement between the student and the College that outlines how the student will pay their obligation to the school. It also outlines finance charges, use of Financial Aid and your billing rights. You must have a Payment Agreement and Disclosure Statement on file with the College before beginning courses.

