

# 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

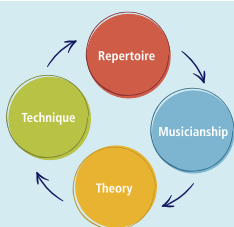
- An objective assessment of the student's skill for that level
- A friendly yet professional atmosphere
- Personalized feedback and marks
- Results available online



# 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 <a href="http://rcmusic.com/ARCT">rcmusic.com/ARCT</a>



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
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](http://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.

[rcmusic.com/HighSchoolCredit](http://rcmusic.com/HighSchoolCredit)

### PRACTICE THEORY PAPERS:

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

[CelebrateTheory.com](http://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.

[rcmusic.com/recognition](http://rcmusic.com/recognition)

### 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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