

MacPhail's Certificate Program for Performance Achievement is an individualized guide, deepening student's music education and motivating students toward a greater level of achievement. Upon completing the two-year program, students are awarded a certificate and portfolio documenting their accomplishments.

With the exception of the audition fee of \$50, there are no additional fees beyond the regular tuition for lessons, classes, and ensembles.

Certificate program students receive counseling in establishing goals and choosing classes and ensembles. Certificate students meet three times per year for a recital or theory class/social get-togethers.

The Certificate Program is a two-year, part-time program for students ages 14 through adult. Students audition to be accepted into the program. The program is open to students of any instrument or voice. Certificate Program students 'hit the ground running' and are required to already have performance experience and an established foundation in technique, theory, and musicianship.

Goals of the Certificate Program

- Help students codify their short and long term musical goals
- Provide an outline, focusing the student's studies to get the most out of the rich resources of MacPhail
- Hold the student to an expectation of musical growth and high achievement to motivate the student's best efforts

- Bring the Certificate Program students together for 3 events per school year -- one recital and two theory class/social get-togethers

Student Benefits

- Flexible program, tailored to the needs of the individual
- Guidance in setting and reaching the highest musical goals
- For high-school age students, the certificate and portfolio are a credential for college admission through demonstrating sustained, high-quality achievement
- Credential aiding application for scholarships and grants
- For adult students, the certificate and portfolio document student accomplishment and give recognition for dedicated music study

Per Semester Requirements

- Individual 45 minute (or 60 minute) weekly lessons.
- One class or ensemble (a second individual lesson may substitute for classes or ensembles).
- Master Class, performed at or attended.
- Concert, with student journal documenting the concert.
- Performance at a recital (or audition), totaling a minimum of 3 performances per year.

Program Requirements for Earning a Two-Year Certificate

- 5 semesters of once-a-week, 45 minute (or 60 minute) individual lessons, 1 of which may be an abbreviated summer semester.
- 4 semesters of either classes or ensembles. (Individual lessons may be substituted for classes or ensembles.)
- 4 master classes, performed at or attended.
- 4 concerts attended, with student journal documenting the concerts.
- 6 recital performances, 2 of which may be auditions. (Students in the certificate program are strongly encouraged to audition for Honors Recitals, Concerto / Aria Concert, etc.)
- Special Project — Students will also propose and complete a Special Project to culminate the Certificate Program. This project could be a CD, written paper, original composition, solo recital, etc.
- Attendance is mandatory — 1 or 2 excused absences per semester, maximum.
- At-home practice time of 1.5 to 2 hours, most days (or more).
- Exit examination