

GRADUATE AND ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION OPTION
TEACHER CERTIFICATION ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION





CERTIFICATION/ENTITLEMENT ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Master of Music Education and Teacher Certification

The Master of Music Education and Teacher Certification option is ideal for professionals who have earned undergraduate degrees in musical disciplines other than music education and wish to be certified to teach in public schools. To meet this need, students pursue a master of music education degree while completing the necessary requirements for teacher certification specified by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Master of Music Education and Certification candidates complete 36 credit hours at the graduate level and as many as 80 hours at the undergraduate level, dependent upon a transcript evaluation.

Teacher Certification Entitlement Program

For applicants who are interested in earning their teaching certificate in music without simultaneously earning a master's degree, VanderCook offers a Teacher Certification Entitlement Program. This program was designed for candidates who have earned a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in music, and who wish to earn a certificate to teach in the public schools.

Course study length is dependent upon transcript evaluation. We are fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, the National Association of Schools of Music and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Application Checklist

To be considered for entrance to either certification program at VanderCook, all candidates must complete the following steps. **For priority consideration, please submit your application by April 1ST.**

Graduate Application

Complete and return the application and the \$50.00 non-refundable application fee. Please make checks or money orders payable to VanderCook College of Music, or call 312.225.6288 to pay with a credit/debit card.

Resume

Essay

Please see enclosed guidelines.

Transcripts

Request that all college transcripts* (with seal and authorized signatures) be sent to admissions at VanderCook College of Music.

** Applicants who have an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 may also be required to submit GRE scores.*

Three Reference Letters

Forms are enclosed. Complete the top portion of each form, then give them to your chosen references to complete and return to VanderCook. You will need a:

- professional reference personal reference musical reference

Audition

Visitation days and audition information are listed at www.vandercook.edu, or you can call (312) 225-6288 ext. 230 to schedule a personal visit, audition or interview.

ISBE Test of Academic Proficiency

All applicants must pass the Illinois State Board of Education Test of Academic Proficiency. Information and registration materials can be found at www.icts.nesinc.com.

Graduate Admissions
admissions@vandercook.edu
(312) 225-6288 ext. 230
www.vandercook.edu

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CERTIFICATION/ENTITLEMENT ADMISSIONS Application

Personal Information

FirstName: _____ MiddleName: _____ LastName: _____

Address: _____ Maiden Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Primary Phone: _____ cellular home work (check one)

Secondary Phone: _____ cellular home work (check one)

E-mail: _____

Male Female Birthdate: _____ Social Security #: _____

College(s) Attended: _____

Year(s) Graduated: _____ Degree(s) Earned: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Yes No - if no, in what country were you born? _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident of the United States?

Yes No - if no, what is your immigration status? _____

*International students should enclose their TOEFL score and the biographical pages of their passport.
Additional requirements may apply – please inquire.*

Please note: Teacher certification requires U.S. citizenship or legal-resident status in the U.S.

I affirm that I would be attending VanderCook as a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of the U.S., or on a valid student visa.

Sign here: _____

Major

I plan to enter in the: Fall Spring Year: _____

I plan to enter the following program: Teacher Certification Entitlement Program
 Master of Music Education and Certification Option

My vocal part is (**required for ALL candidates**): Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

My declared instrument/part is (check one and provide instrument or vocal part):

Band _____ Choral _____

String _____

Emergency Contact Information

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Address: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work / Cell Phone: _____

Please return this application for admission with your resume, essay, and a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee to:

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Additional Information

How did you learn about VanderCook College of Music? _____

Do you plan to apply for financial aid? Yes No

Employer

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Profile

This information is **requested for federal and state reports**, as well as institutional research. It will not be used to determine eligibility for admission, nor will it be used in any discriminatory manner.

Ethnic Origin (check one):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more races |

My native Language is: English Other (specify): _____

You Must Sign and Date this Application

Please write an essay on your philosophy of music education and address VanderCook's three dispositions using the enclosed guidelines.

I do hereby certify that all information provided on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize each high school, college or university that I have attended to release academic information to VanderCook College of Music. I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for denial or cancellation of admission. I understand that I must answer all questions on the application to be considered for admission.

_____ signature _____ date

VanderCook College of Music is dedicated to the principle of equal opportunity for all. As such, members of the college community may not discriminate in hiring, admission to the college, or in day-to-day practice based on race, creed, color, gender, sexual preference, or disability.

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SHARE YOUR PASSION.

Your Graduate Essay

As a part of your application to the Master of Music Education degree program, you are asked to write an essay ***describing your philosophy of music education***. This essay will be used to help us assess your readiness and help you plan your course of study.

This essay will also help us get to know you as well as learn a bit more about your teaching history, and your career plans.

Before you begin writing this essay, we believe it is helpful for us to share with you some additional information about VanderCook; namely we want to be sure that you understand our mission as well as understand our core values and the dispositions we seek to develop in all of our candidates. Please read these short statements carefully. In your essay, you are asked to share your values and beliefs about music education as compared with ours.

To help guide you as you write your essay, you are asked to consider VanderCook's Mission and Candidate Outcomes as they relate to your philosophy of music education. You should also identify those candidate outcomes that best describe you as a professional music teacher.

This essay is not a test, there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. Once again, we will use your essay to help assess your readiness and help you plan your course of study. If you have any questions about writing the essay, please feel free to contact our Graduate Admissions staff at admissions@vandercook.edu or call us at 312-225-6288 x. 230. Best wishes as you write your essay describing your philosophy of music education.

The Mission of VanderCook College of Music

"The mission of VanderCook College of Music is to enrich the lives of present and future generations through the preparation of teachers in the instrumental, choral, and general music disciplines. Our broad-based curriculum is designed to prepare teachers with strong character, skill in the process of teaching, and respect for the essential role of music in our culture."

VanderCook College of Music's Candidate Outcomes

1. Strength in Character
 - Self-discipline and persistence
 - Interpersonal and intrapersonal skills
 - Good citizenship and personal integrity
2. Excellence in Music
 - A high level of musicianship
 - Academic ability and diligence leading to a lifetime of learning
 - Skill in the process of teaching
3. Professionalism in Teaching
 - Academic ability and diligence leading to a lifetime of learning
 - Skill in the process of teaching
 - Building pragmatic links with educational programs in diverse communities
 - Professionalism in action, word and appearance



GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Application

Graduate

To be Completed by the Applicant

Type of Reference: personal professional musical

I (waive / do not waive) my right to review my admission file.

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I plan to enter the following degree program: Master of Music Education
 Master of Music Education and Certification

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Each applicant for admission to VanderCook College of Music must submit reference questionnaires. We value your comments and request that you give a full and candid report so that fair consideration may be given to the applicant.

How well do you know this applicant? (*check where appropriate*)

- by name / sight very well / numerous contacts
 casually / few contacts know quite well

The applicant demonstrates:	Strongly		Strongly		Don't
	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Disagree	
a high level of musicianship:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
good citizenship:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
competent academic ability and diligence:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
self-discipline and persistence:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
continuous musical growth:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
strong inter- and intra- personal skills:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
flexibility and adaptability to changes in routine:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
strong personal integrity:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
strong organizational skills:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
professionalism in action, word and appearance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
values of a professional music educator:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I recommend that VanderCook accept this applicant into the music education program:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please use the back of this form if you wish to make additional comments.

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