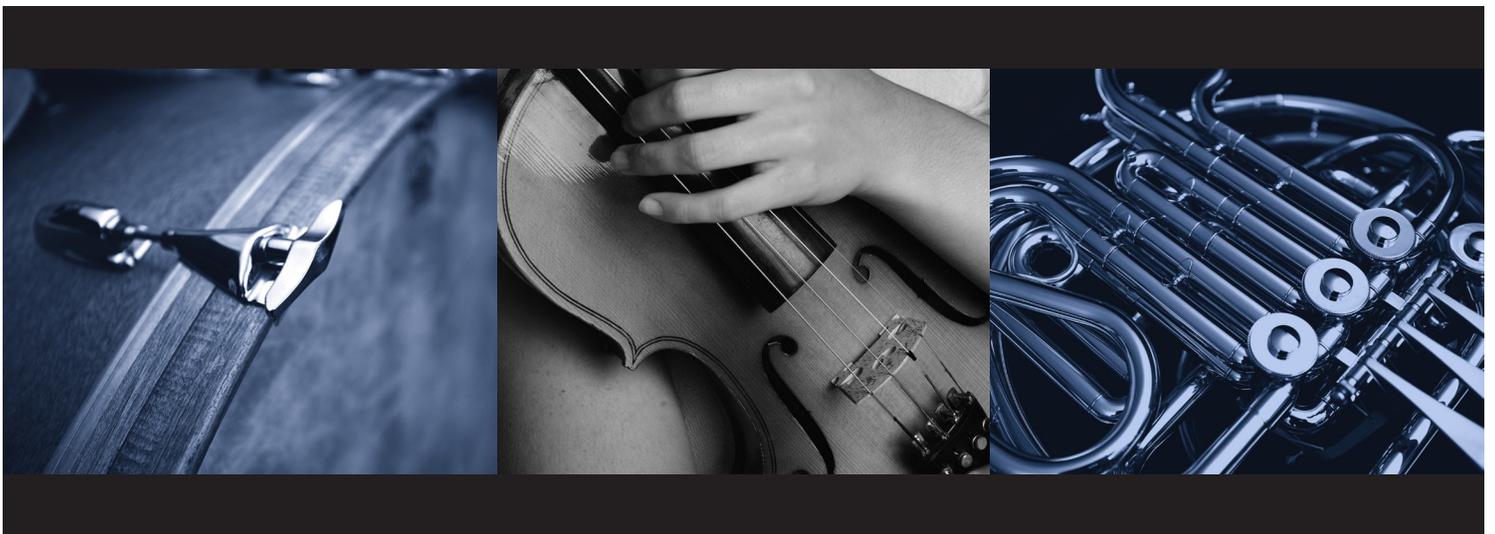


# GRADUATE

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

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# GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

## Graduate Degree Programs: Master of Music Education

If you have completed a Bachelor of Music Education degree, take the next step in your academic career. Designed for the music educator, courses are offered over a 6-week summer session beginning each June. The semester will not interfere with your work schedule and even allows time for an August vacation. The 36 credit-hour degree program can be completed in three summers.

Our program stresses practicality and classroom application. 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 into the Master of Music Education degree program at VanderCook, all candidates must complete the following steps. **For priority consideration, please submit your application by April 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**Graduate Application**

Complete and return the application and \$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

## NO AUDITION REQUIRED

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

VanderCook College of Music  
Graduate Admissions  
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## Personal Information

FirstName: \_\_\_\_\_ MiddleName: \_\_\_\_\_ LastName: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  cellular  home  work (check one)

Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  cellular  home  work (check one)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen?  
 Yes  No - if no, contact admissions for more information

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.*

Have you previously taken courses at VanderCook?  Yes  No  
**If yes**, check all that apply:  B.M.Ed. Program  M.M.Ed. Program  MECA Courses

## Major

I plan to enter in the summer of: \_\_\_\_\_  
year

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

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

- Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Choral \_\_\_\_\_
- String \_\_\_\_\_
- General Music \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**Graduate Admissions**  
**3140 S. Federal St.**  
**Chicago, IL 60616-3731**

Detach and return this page along with your resume, essay, and \$50.00 application fee.



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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

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Level:  High School  Middle School / Junior High  Elementary

## 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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### 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](mailto: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



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## To be Completed by the Applicant

Type of Reference:  personal  professional  musical

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

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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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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"/>				
good citizenship:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
competent academic ability and diligence:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
self-discipline and persistence:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
continuous musical growth:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
strong inter- and intra- personal skills:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
flexibility and adaptability to changes in routine:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
strong personal integrity:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
strong organizational skills:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
professionalism in action, word and appearance:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
values of a professional music educator:	<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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