Advanced Certificate in Music Education

The John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University is pleased to announce a special advanced certificate program for K-12 music teachers.

Courses are specifically designed with today’s music educator in mind, offering a thoughtful blend of theory and practice.

Upon program completion, students will receive a certificate and transcript representing 15 credit hours of graduate work.

In order to receive the advanced certificate, all 15 credits must be completed in a maximum of 15 months.

Who should apply to this program?
• Music teachers at all levels and areas of specialization

What are the unique features of the program?
• Music education faculty with national and international prominence as clinicians, speakers, authors and researchers
• Person-centered learning environment that both challenges and supports the advancement of music teaching
• Courses that represent a wide range of interests including hybrid and online options
• Small classes with individual attention from faculty
• All evening classes during the academic year
• Winter and summer offerings
• Twelve credits can transfer into the Master of Arts in Music Education program
• Valuable interaction with other professionals in the field
• With permission, students may transfer up to three graduate credits from another institution

What courses are offered in this program?
• Students can choose among the following courses:
  • Hybrid or online courses: Technology for Music Teachers, Psychology of Music, Teaching Music as Democratic Practice, Independent Study in Music Education, and Music Education Techniques for Children with Disabilities
  • In-person courses: Critical and Creative Thinking in Music, Teaching World Music, Critical Issues in Music Education, Movement and Dance for Children, Piano for Music Teachers, Independent Study in Music Education, and Band Literature for the Music Educator

What are the application requirements?
• Online application
• Official transcripts from all institutions attended
• Teaching certification in Music (standard or alternate route)

Is there an application deadline?
This program has rolling admissions. Applications are accepted online at montclair.edu/graduate.

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If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact The Graduate School at graduate.school@montclair.edu or 973-655-5147.