Overview

CSU’s Master of Music Education with a conducting specialization enables you to study online during the school year and get hands-on conducting practice during a summer session on campus. Projects are customized for your particular teaching situation, so you are able to immediately apply the techniques you learn to reinvigorate your lesson plans with gained skills and knowledge.

Connect with faculty, musicians, and other music educators in on-campus summer sessions

Perfect your podium presence working with local professional choirs, bands, and orchestras, while receiving personal faculty mentorship. The annual summer conducting seminar includes hands-on workshop sessions taught by CSU faculty as well as some of the most prestigious pedagogues from around the country.

Unique to this program, you benefit from ample practice time at the podium, which provides you with immediate feedback from faculty and the musicians you lead. The curriculum focuses on developing your:

• Score preparation
• Baton technique
• Rehearsal strategies
• Suggested repertoire

Focus on music education in a customized curriculum

Refine your conducting techniques and learn to implement music education research, foundational principles, and analysis to enhance your effectiveness as an educator.

CSU faculty understand that each teaching situation is unique. The projects assigned in this program can be tailored to your personal classroom, allowing you to practice newly learned techniques and gain insightful feedback from instructors. The online Master of Music Education curriculum offers the flexibility to study from wherever you are during the school year and the opportunity to immediately apply what you learn to your classroom.

Curriculum

With this graduate degree, you take a variety of courses in advanced conducting, score preparation, rehearsal strategies, the Laban method for expressive conducting, curriculum development, jazz pedagogy, and historical performance and practice.
How to Apply
Master of Music (M.M.) – Music Education, Conducting Specialization

Application Deadline
Summer Semester: **February 15**

1 **Review Admission Requirements**
   - Bachelor’s degree in music education from a regionally accredited institution
   - Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate coursework

2 **Prepare Application Materials**
   - **Three letters of recommendation**
     Three professional recommendations are required. We recommend letters come from faculty, supervisors, etc. who can accurately speak to your skills. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.
   - **Curriculum vitae**
     Your current professional and educational curriculum vitae should include your professional employment, collegiate work, and any publications, exhibitions, service activities, prizes, and awards.
   - **Five-minute conducting DVD**
     Conducting performance should be frontal view.

3 **Complete Online Application**
   Complete the [online graduate application](http://online.colostate.edu) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.
   - Select “Music MM/Music Education - Conducting - Distance” when choosing the program of study.

4 **Request Transcripts**
   Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

   Send e-transcripts to: [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)

   Send paper copies to:
   Graduate Admissions
   Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
   1062 Campus Delivery
   Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

**Check Your Application Status**
View your [application status](http://online.colostate.edu) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

**International Students**
See [website](http://online.colostate.edu) for test score and transcript requirements.