

# Kodály Music Education

Master of Music (M.M.) – Music Education Specialization



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
ONLINE

## Overview

Take your teaching, conducting, and musicianship to new heights with this unique program that combines an online curriculum with hands-on experience. Designed for elementary, secondary, and independent music educators, this degree features on-campus participation in the annual Colorado Kodály Institute as an exclusive two-week residency each summer.

## What makes the program unique

The online curriculum and summer sessions fit nicely into most teachers' schedules, allowing you to earn your master's while continuing to work full time. The courses you will take online cover theory and research, while the on-campus summer institutes offer important interaction and the opportunity to apply the techniques and methods you have been studying. You will learn from faculty – some with more than 30 years of teaching experience – who are:

- Respected researchers in the field
- Leaders in national professional organizations
- Active professional musicians

## What you learn

The curriculum introduces the philosophy and teachings of Hungarian music educator Zoltán Kodály, emphasizing concepts like:

- Enjoyment as a motivating force in learning
- The importance of a sequential music curriculum
- Use of folk song, folk dance, and game literature to teach musical concepts
- Cultural heritage, music, and musical literacy

## Gain hands-on experience during the summer

The annual Colorado Kodály Institute includes applied course sessions taught by some of the most prestigious music pedagogues from around the country. The two-week summer session gives you the opportunity to apply the theory and research you have learned in your online courses to real-world scenarios by practicing teaching techniques with local elementary students. By bringing together students and respected music educators, the program provides you with real-time feedback to bring your skills to the next level.

## Delivery

Online and on campus

## Credits

30 credits

## Tuition

\$585.04 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

## Time frame

Can be completed in 2 ½ years

## Completion requirements

- Summer residency program on campus each summer
- 15 online graduate-level credits
- Written and oral examination

## More info

[online.colostate.edu/degrees/kodaly](https://online.colostate.edu/degrees/kodaly)

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# How to Apply

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## Application Deadlines

Fall semester: **March 1**

Spring semester: **October 1**

Summer Semester: **February 1**

### 1 Review Minimum Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in music from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate coursework
- Applicants should be state-licensed music teachers. (Exceptions may be made by department on a case-by-case basis.)

### 2 Prepare Application Materials

Gather all of the following materials and submit to the School of Music, Theatre and Dance in one packet:

- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation
- 5-10 page writing sample – A narrative essay about a current issue in the music education field.
- 30-40 minute music teaching – DVD should demonstrate your musicianship. Include a typed lesson plan and label the DVD with specific information about what is included in the recording. Audio-only recordings are not accepted.

### 3 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

- Select "Music MM/Music Education - 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](#) 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](#) for test score and transcript requirements.