

Music, Degree

One of the many defining features of a culture is its music. From the bagpipes of Scotland to the steel drums of the Caribbean, traditional song identifies a land and its people to the rest of the world. Alberta's musical heritage is comprised of influences borrowed from the various ancestral lands of its citizens.

Music is one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in North America. In today's world, musicians are required to be highly-trained, well-rounded, and versatile. The following is a short list of opportunities in this field:

Performance: Solo, small and large ensembles (eg. bands, orchestras) music theatre accompanying, recording artist, studio musician, conductor.

Composition: Song writing, arranging, transcription, film scoring, computer-generated music.

Merchandising: Promotion/publicity, management, music sales, budgeting/ accounting, copyright.

Technology: Recording engineer, sound technician, equipment maintenance and set up, concert hall technical director.

Teaching: Private and group instruction in a home studio, private and group instruction in music academies, colleges, and universities.

What you can be with your Music degree:

Accompanist	Agent #5124	Arranger #5132	Arts Administrator #0511
Backstage Technicians	Choir Director #5132/ Church Music Manager	Composer #5132	Concert Hall Director
Conductor #5132	Copyist	Disc Jockey #5231	Event Coordinator #1226
Film Scorer/ Composer/ Arranger	Instrument Repairer #7445	Jingle Writer	Lyricist #5132
Music Critic #5123	Music Editor	Music Software Programmer #2174	Music Store Manager #0621
Music Teacher/ Educator	Musician #5133	Performer #5132	Piano Turner- Technician
Producer #0512, #5131	Radio Programming Manager #0512	Radio Station Manager #0512	Recording Technician #5225
Sales Representative #6421	Singer #5133	Songwriter #5132	Sound Recordist #5225
Sound Technician #5225	Staff Writer	Stage Manager #5226	Tour Coordinator
Creative Arts Therapist #3144	Music Teacher #5133.3	Cultural Events Planner #1226	Church Music Director #5123.1
Coordinator	Musicologist	Academic Advisor #4143	Alumni Relations Officer
Educator/Trainer	International Student Advisor	Recreation Director #0513	Research Assistant/Researcher #4164/4165
Composer/Songwriter #5132.2	Conductor #5132.1	Critic #51323	Orchestration/Arranger #5132.3
Singer #5133.2	Musician #5133.1		

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education. For career information, enter the four-digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC>)

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Information: Music, Degree

Currently, this program is not offered at Red Deer College.

Potential employers:

Advertising Companies	Bands	Choirs	Concert Halls
Conservatories	Dance Companies	Day Care Facilities	Educational Institutions
Film Production Companies	Hospitals	Instrument Manufactures	Film Production Companies
Hospitals	Instrument Manufactures	Magazines/Newspapers	Music Schools and Conservatories
Music Shops	Nursing Homes	Operas	Prisons
Publishers	Radio/ Television Stations	Record Production Companies	Recreation Centers
Rehabilitation Centers	Religious Institutions	Sound Recording Companies	Sound Recording Studios
Studios	SymphonyOrchestras		

Major Skills Obtained from Music, Degree Program:

- Ability to break down large goals into smaller steps
- Keep audience's interest
- Maintain concentration/focus
- Read and write music
- Ability to use variety of sound equipment
- Work well both independently and on a team
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Artistry
- Creativity
- Detail-oriented
- Good stage presence/poise
- Improvisation
- Motivation
- Observation skills
- Performance techniques
- Perseverance/dedication
- Physical stamina
- Presentation skills
- Research and organizational skills
- Resiliency
- Self-discipline
- Teaching abilities
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Versatility

Professional associations and sites of interest

Acoustical Society of America- <http://asa.aip.org>

Alberta Music Industry Association-
<http://www.amia.ca/cms>

Alliance des chorales du Québec-
www.chorale.qc.ca

Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada- www.iatse-intl.org

American Federation of Musicians of the US and Canada- www.afm.org

American Music Therapy Association
www.musictherapy.org

Association québécoise de l'industrie du disque, du spectacle, et de la vidéo- www.adisq.com

Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences- www.carasonline.ca

Canadian Music Educators Association-

www.musiceducationonline.org/cmea Canadian Music Publishers Association (CMPA)-

www.musicpublishercanada.ca Canadian Recording Industry Association- www.cria.ca

IATSE-International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and La Guilde des musiciens et musiciennes du Québec- www.gmmq.com

Music Industries Association of Canada- www.miac.net

Music Library Association- www.musiclibraryassoc.org

National Association for Music Education- <http://www.menc.org>

Canadian Actors' Equity Association –

www.caea.com

Canadian Association for Music Therapy-

www.musictherapy.ca

Canadian Association of Music Libraries (CAML)-

www.yorku.ca/caml

Canada Council for the Arts www.canadacouncil.ca

Canadian Music Centre – www.musiccentre.ca

Society of Composers, Authors and Music

Publishers of Canada (SOCAN)- www.socan.ca

Songwriters Association of Canada-

www.songwriters.ca

The Canadian Independent Record Production

Association- <http://www.cirpa.ca>

Union des artistes- www.uniondesartistes.com

Information adapted from

<http://caps.mcgill.ca/handouts/whattodo/music.pdf>

http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/Content/RequestAction.asp?aspAction=GetHTMLProfile&format=html&occPro_ID=71002571&SNT_ID=25