

Music Teachers National Association CERTIFICATION



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CERTIFICATION.MTNA.ORG*

Why MTNA Professional Certification?

- *Offers a process by which teachers may examine and update their libraries, teaching methods, business practices and philosophies.
- *Encourages improvement in teaching through continuous self-study and planning.
- *Raises the likelihood for a higher level of teacher competency and effectiveness.
- *Provides a goal for personal professional achievement for music teachers.
- *Increases the potential for earning power for music teachers.
- *Improves the level of professionalism within the field of music teaching.
- *Identifies for the public competent music teachers.

WHAT IS CERTIFICATION?

The program is based upon a set of five standards defining what a competent music teacher should know and be able to do.

Standard I: Professional Preparation

A. Knowing and Performing Music

B. Knowing and Understanding Students

Standard II: Professional Teaching Practice

A. Planning Courses of Study

B. Facilitating Music Learning

C. Fostering an Educational Environment

D. Assessing Musical Growth

Standard III: Professional Business Management

Demonstrate understanding and application of basic professional and ethical business practices in their studio

Standard IV: Professionalism and Partnerships

A. Contributing to the Profession

B. Building Partnerships

Standard V: Professional and Personal Renewal

A. Evaluating Professional Growth

B. Continuing Education

How Do I Get Certified?

- Send in a simple application form and fee
- Complete and submit the five projects
- That's it!

*Type in the following link for a slideshow overview of the projects and answers to often asked questions: Certification Slideshow: <https://goo.gl/smxPDu>

Other Certification Helps

Candidates will have one year from the time the application and fees are received to complete the Teacher Profile Projects.

All Projects and Videos must be uploaded online. A link will be provided to each candidate following receipt of their application and fee.

Applicants will receive written notification from MTNA when the certification process is successfully completed. A certificate and the guidelines for the renewal of MTNA Professional Certification will accompany the written notification.

If some part of the Teacher Profile is evaluated as insufficient, certification will be deferred until that Project is evaluated as sufficient.

Application Time Limit Policy: The MTNA Professional Certification process must be completed within one-year from the date the application and fees are received at MTNA headquarters. If the process is not completed within one year, the applicant may request, in writing, a single one-year time extension, after which an application extension fee will be assessed.

Upon fulfillment of these standards, applicants are granted the MTNA Professional Certification credential with the designation, Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM). The credential and designation are granted without bias, discrimination, or favoritism between MTNA members and/or non-members or any other arbitrary differentiation. In order to maintain the MTNA Professional Certification credential and designation, NCTM must continue fulfilling the program's standards through the renewal process.

The MTNA Professional Certification program is objectively administered in a uniform manner to ensure fairness, accuracy, validity and integrity. Due process for reconsideration and reinstatement is included in the program for certification candidates, renewal candidates and for those who already hold the MTNA Professional Certification credential.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

Can I start some of the projects
before I send in my
registration?

Yes!

All of Projects 1,3, 4 and 5 can be completed before you register.

The pieces for Project 2 are the only activities that need to be completed after you have registered.

Frequently
Asked Questions

Question:
What if I don't pass?

If the Profile is not passed, certification will be deferred until all projects are approved.

Each project is graded separately. If one project is not passed, only that project is resubmitted.

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**What do I do once
I am certified?**

Renewal Process

- Keep track of one year's activities on a simple form
- Simply renew each year with your signature on the new Documentation of Renewal Activities Form

How Do I Start this Certification Journey Today?

A. Sign up to participate in a long term or short term learning tract

B. Take classes through independent study and online

C. Study with a certified private teacher

Successful Teaching through Certification

*Journey is more
important than the
destination...*

Challenge yourself to become a little better teacher this year than you were last year....through certification!

Contact Laurie Swain if you are interested: lspiano@cox.net



You Can Do It!!!