



DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Certificates of Achievement are available to both undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in the University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music. The Advanced Certificates of Achievement are available to graduate students currently enrolled in the University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

In order to be admitted to a certificate program, please submit your completed application to the program director. Upon approval by the program director, a signed copy of the first page of the application must be returned to the appropriate office (Academic Affairs or Graduate Studies). This process applies to all of the certificate programs listed below. Specific requirements for each program can be found at online at www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates.

**For application to the Arts Leadership Program, please visit <https://iml.esm.rochester.edu/alp/>.

PROGRAM OF INTEREST: _____ **URID** _____

Name _____
 Family (Last) Name Given (First) Name Middle Name

Mailing Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____ Major instrument _____

Current Degree Program _____ Current applied teacher (if applicable) _____

Certificates of Achievement	Submit to:	Contact information:
Chamber Music	Elinor Freer	efreer@esm.rochester.edu
Performance Practice	Paul O’Dette	podette@esm.rochester.edu
World Music	Anaar Desai-Stephens	adesai-stephens@esm.rochester.edu

Advanced Certificates of Achievement	Submit to:	Contact information:
College and/or Community Music Teaching	Academic Affairs	academicaffairs@esm.rochester.edu
Ethnomusicology	Anaar Desai-Stephens	adesai-stephens@esm.rochester.edu
The Art of Improvisation	Dariusz Terefenko	dterefenko@esm.rochester.edu
Early Music	Paul O’Dette	podette@esm.rochester.edu
The Pedagogy of Music Theory	Sarah Marlowe	smarlowe@esm.rochester.edu

SIGNATURES		DATE
Program Director		
Undergraduate Dean (for Undergraduates)		
Graduate Dean (for Grad Students)		

THE CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED ACHIEVEMENT IN EARLY MUSIC

The Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Early Music offers Eastman School of Music (ESM) students advanced instruction in historical performance practices with practical training on a period instrument or voice.

The importance of historically informed performance in the music profession is widely recognized in the field and supported by an expanding body of scholarship, a growing number of early music ensembles and course offerings in schools of music, and increasing interest from music students and professionals. The Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Early Music will provide students with a working knowledge of performance practice, as well as practical training on historical instruments in both solo and ensemble settings. It is a program degree students may choose to add to the degree in which they are already enrolled to enrich their curriculum and professional qualifications. In addition to informing students' study and performance of solo early-music repertoire, the Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Early Music will prepare instrumentalists and vocalists to collaborate with early music ensembles and to become informed instructors of this repertoire. It will prepare students for participation in numerous early-music festivals, such as the Boston Early Music Festival, Utrecht Early Music Festival, Twin Cities Early Music Festival, IBERICA Early Music Festival, and local opportunities such as the Rochester Early Music Festival and Musica Spei. It will also prepare eligible students for competitions such as the National Centre for Early Music competitions, the International Early Music Competition in the Loire Valley, the International Biber Competition, the Indianapolis International Baroque Competition, and the International Bach Competition in Leipzig. Furthermore, the present-day recording industry increasingly places greater emphasis on early music and contemporary music, seeking to broaden the repertoire beyond the canon of the common-practice period and offering recording contracts to stellar performers who specialize in early or contemporary periods. Early Music will benefit other students by deepening their musical informance and ultimately preparing them for professional life as more effective performers and teachers.

Requirements: Please see the website for all of required courses <https://www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates/early-music/>

How Can I Apply?

The Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Early Music is open to all ESM graduate students (MM, MA, DMA, and PhD). Admission to the program requires permission and a signature from the candidate's current studio teacher. An interview/audition with the teacher of the secondary instrument (harpsichord, lute, Baroque oboe, etc.) is also required. Graduate students may apply for admission into the Certificate of Advanced Achievement program at the time of their matriculation into the MM, DMA or PhD or at any point thereafter, keeping in mind that the program typically requires at least three semesters to complete.

Questions?

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