

Want to make a career out of music? Or just enjoy it while you're a student at CVCC?

What music opportunities are available at CVCC?

- Show Choir
- Chorale
- Handbell Ensemble
- Early Music Ensemble
- Instrumental Music
- Piano
- Brass Ensemble
- Class Guitar



Christmas Chorale Concert



Handbell Ensemble

What makes CVCC's Music Program unique?

At CVCC, you'll find extremely well-qualified faculty devoted to your success. In fact, their education and experience stacks up to that of university instructors. Smaller class sizes give them a chance to get to know you and mentor you throughout your journey at CVCC...even afterward!

One-on-one instruction in music performance is a central part of collegiate music study. CVCC offers lower-cost access to that specialized instruction for music and non-music majors. You can even use your talents to earn income (before you graduate!) by tutoring others or as a paid intern.

Participation in student organizations such as the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference and the National Conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association hones your leadership and organizational skills. Many students compete—and win!—vocal competitions in the National Association of Teachers of Singing.



"I didn't know anything about CVCC's music program before I enrolled. But I knew it was a good place to start. I was overjoyed to find the excellent, excellent music faculty at CVCC. They are far above the public perception of junior college faculty. They did everything they could to help me succeed. Even now, they are still involved in my education as a student at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Thanks to all the help I received from the music faculty and the tutors in the Learning Assistance Center, I received a full scholarship to study music at LR. When I graduate, it will be also because of them."

Elizabeth Fowler
CVCC, Associate in Fine Arts, 2008
Lenoir-Rhyne University, Music Education, 2010

Where many CVCC students transfer:

- North Carolina School of the Arts
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Gardner-Webb University
- Appalachian State University
- University of North Carolina-Greensboro
- Stetson University
- University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill
- Asbury College
- Belmont University
- University of North Carolina-Charlotte

“Thanks for all the great training I received at CVCC, and for the fact that when I came to UNCC, unlike some of my classmates, I did not have anything to unlearn. I could just keep going where we left off! I am proud to be a CVCC music graduate!

Rodney Harrison

CVCC 2007 Music Graduate

Continuing Education Classical Division Winner 2009

National Association of Teachers of Singing

What kinds of jobs are available for music majors?

With an associate degree, you can teach private lessons, compose or arrange music, or work in sacred music positions. Some CVCC music alumni perform professionally with gospel and country music groups. Others pursue musical theater and opera.

Most students go on to finish a bachelor’s degree at a senior institution. Many of those teach music in elementary, middle and high schools and colleges. You may have heard the talent of CVCC alumni who work in music production behind-the-scenes and didn’t even know it!

What are the salaries like?

Your earnings depend on what facet of music you pursue, whether it’s a private or public employer, and whether you complete further education. Public school music teachers earn around \$53,000.* Depending on the size of the congregation and community, church music directors earn from \$5,000 to 18,000** annually part-time and \$38,000 to \$90,000 full-time. Musical performers’ earnings vary widely, but opportunities exist locally to perform for weddings, holidays, and in the private sector. Music faculty regularly recommends graduates for church music positions and to perform for individual events.



Recorder Ensemble “Wynde in the Wood”

Ready to get your music education started?

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*National average for K-12 teachers, US Dept. of Labor Statistics.

** Presbyterian Association of Musicians

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