

Teaching Elementary Piano

Establish a foundation for your beginning students' long-term engagement and success, from the first lesson through the important early years of study.

Learn from master teachers including...

- Marvin Blickenstaff
- Randall Faber
- Maria Case
- Diana Dumlawwalla
- Stephen Pierce

Study from the comfort of home



Cohorts of 20-25 Students



Course Features

- Video Demonstrations
- Discussions with Like-Minded Colleagues
- Assignments with Personalized Feedback
- Weekly Knowledge Checks

Course Sessions

This course runs three times a year (Fall, Winter, Summer). Please check our website for specific start dates.



Week 1 Fundamentals of Piano Pedagogy

- Construct your own teaching philosophy statement and studio policy document;
- Design a well-balanced lesson plan.



Week 2 The First Year of Lessons

- Select appropriate beginner methods for new students;
- Plan activities for the first year of study that support the development of well-rounded musicians.



Weeks 3-4 Repertoire Study

- Explore The RCM Certificate Program repertoire and etudes;
- Discover strategies to prepare, present, and polish repertoire;
- Design well-balanced examination programs.



Week 5 Physical Approach and Technique

- Review approaches to sound production, healthy posture, and the piano hand;
- Formulate effective technical exercises in support of successful performances of etudes and repertoire.



Weeks 6-7 Music Literacy and Musicianship

- Learn how to guide students in developing music literacy and musicianship skills that will allow them to participate in many different forms of music-making;
- Study activities and resources to support development of sight reading and aural skills as part of the daily practice routine.



Week 8 Artistry and Expression

- Explore strategies to inspire elementary students in discovering personal expression, creativity, and artistry by engaging all the senses.



Weeks 9-10 RCM Certificate Program

- Review the overall structure of The RCM Certificate Program, its value, and its benefits;
- Gain familiarity with the components of The RCM Certificate Program requirements at the elementary levels.



Submission of Assignments

- Complete a series of assignments that showcase your achievement and summarize your learning

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