

Associate Diploma in Piano, Pedagogy An Addendum to the *Piano Syllabus, 2022 Edition*

Details of the Updated ARCT in Piano, Pedagogy Requirements

- The updated requirements outlined in the *Associate Diploma in Piano, Pedagogy* addendum will go into effect on September 1, 2024.
- The Teaching Repertoire Sample requirements for Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels have been updated to align with the *Piano Syllabus, 2022 Edition* and *Celebration Series*[®], *Sixth Edition*.
- Piano Pedagogy topics have been updated to support successful preparation for the Interactive (*Viva Voce*) examinations.
- The Online Piano Teacher Courses for each of the three levels (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced) will be required for all students, and the written Piano Pedagogy examinations will no longer be offered. The online courses provide a unique learning experience that includes access to articles, videos, and teaching demonstrations along with the opportunity to interact with fellow students in discussion forums and to submit assignments for grading and feedback. The multi-faceted learning approach will support students in preparations for the Interactive (*Viva Voce*) examination, while also providing a solid foundation for successful teaching.
- A new teacher-guided version of the Online Piano Teacher Courses is currently in development. This will allow teachers to join their pedagogy students in working through the course, concurrent with private lessons in preparation for the *Viva Voce* examination.
- The next session of Online Piano Teacher Courses will run from June 5–August 14, 2024, with an enrolment deadline of May 29, 2024. For more information, visit rcmusic.com/digitallearning.

Last Sessions for Written Piano Pedagogy Examinations

As the Online Piano Teacher Courses will be required at all levels, the stand-alone written Piano Pedagogy examinations will be discontinued. **December 2024** will be the last session in which the Elementary Piano Pedagogy, Intermediate Piano Pedagogy, and Advanced Piano Pedagogy examinations will be offered.

Session	Exam Date	Registration Deadline
May 2024	Friday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m.	US: February 13, 2024 Canada: March 5, 2024
August 2024	Friday, August 9 at 9:30 a.m.	US: May 15, 2024 Canada: June 4, 2024
December 2024	Friday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m.	US: October 16, 2024 Canada: November 5, 2024

Advanced Piano Pedagogy Practical Exam

The basic structure of the Advanced Piano Pedagogy Practical Examination remains unchanged, with updates to musicianship requirements to align with the optional tests introduced at the Intermediate and Advanced levels in the *Piano Syllabus, 2022 Edition*. The new requirements are effective **September 1, 2024**.

Ear Tests

- Identification of meter is no longer required.
- Candidates will be required to both identify AND sing intervals.
- Candidates will be tested on both playback options; traditional and melodic improvisation.

Sight Reading

- Candidates will be required to tap one measure of the basic beat, and to continue tapping a steady beat through the rhythm reading test.
- Candidates will be tested on both traditional playing and lead-sheet reading.

Repertoire

- To encourage pedagogy students to explore recently composed repertoire, candidates will be required to perform one work composed after 2000 as part of the Repertoire requirements.