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Algonquin College

[Ottawa, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

Algonquin offers its [Music Industry Arts](#) program through its [School of Media and Design](#), located at its Ottawa campus. It incorporates business knowledge into practical skills in the recording, production and creation of music. These programs incorporate time in their state-of-the-art recording and audio production facilities, as well as courses on theory and music and culture to develop students' ability to navigate the creative and entrepreneurial aspects of the industry.



Life on Campus

Algonquin's Ottawa Campus is located in a high-tech community, minutes away from the Rideau Canal and many other Ottawa staples. The campus features spaces such as the Student Commons, and the Algonquin Commons Theatre. [The AC Hub](#) is Algonquin College's student engagement centre, hosting both a study space and many of their [events](#). The [Algonquin Student Association](#) advocates for students, provides a variety of services and manages campus [clubs](#) and athletics. Athletic opportunities, including [fitness classes](#) and [intramurals](#), are to be organized through the new [Jack Doyle Athletics and Recreation Centre](#).

Programs

Ontario College Diploma: Music Industry Arts (MIA)

This condensed format [42-week program](#) focuses on guiding students towards becoming working musicians through hands-on experience and theoretical study of both musical and business concepts. Students take courses in music production and theory, and business courses around communications and entrepreneurship in the music industry.

Ontario College Certificate: Music, Media and Film Foundations (MMF)

This [one-year program](#) helps students build foundational skills for further study in post-secondary music or media programs, such as the MIA program. Students take courses on the fundamentals of video and audio production, the Canadian media industry, storytelling and professional skills.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements

Admission to the MIA diploma program requires an OSSD diploma or equivalent, incorporating both English (required) and Math (recommended) at a 4C level (or equivalent). Successful applicants meet the criteria at the bottom of the linked page. Admission to the MMF program requires an OSSD with English 4C.

Supplementary Materials: Music Industry Arts

Entrance to the MIA program requires submitting [additional information](#) during the application process. This includes a 500- to 700-word essay outlining why you should be considered for acceptance. You must submit a 30-second to 5-minute MP3, compressed to approximately 5 mb in size (no .zip files or download links), of a recording you participated in. It must contain three separate musical elements (i.e. drums, keys, voice). Additionally, submit a supplementary document which details the following: the track's title, its creator/songwriter, your role in the recording, the equipment and software used, and a description of the recording process and techniques used.

Canadore College

[North Bay, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

Canadore's North Bay campus is home to its recording-focused music program. Students develop the skills they need to become professional producers and audio engineers, exploring technical skills, creativity and the business of music.



Life on Campus

Canadore's North Bay campus is shared with Nipissing University, situated on 650-acres of forested area, overlooking the City of North Bay. It is home to Alumni Hall, the [Fitness Centre](#), a variety of [dining options](#) and The Pond. The [Canadore Students' Council](#) organizes events, community partnerships and other student programming for the student body. Check out their [Instagram](#) for more information! Athletics and fitness facilities are available at the [Sportsplex](#), and volunteer opportunities can be found via [Canadore Volunteers](#).

Programs

Ontario College Diploma: Recording Engineering - Music Production

This [two-year program](#) allows students to build skills to become a professional producer, recording engineer or live sound technician. Students take courses on the theory and practice of recording audio, as well as courses on live sound production and creativity. Additionally, students learn about the music industry and develop business skills.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements

Entrance into this program requires an OSSD with Grade 12 C or U English, or equivalent.

Centennial College

[Toronto, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

Centennial's music program in [Music Industry Arts and Performance](#) allows students interested in popular, world or Indigenous music to develop skills in performance, business and production. Students can apply for enrollment starting in September or January. Students also have the option of their [Performing Arts Fundamentals](#) program.

Life on Campus

Centennial's performing arts programs are housed at the [Performing Arts Centre](#), located in Toronto. The [Centennial College Student Association Incorporated](#) provides advocacy, a variety of student services and helps organize Centennial's [clubs](#). You can get involved with the association, meet like-minded students interested in art, theatre or career-related topics, and participate in cultural clubs.

Program

Ontario College Advanced Diploma: Music Industry Arts and Performance

This [three-year program](#) allows students to build skills to become a professional artist or producer. They offer private lessons for students, and help students develop foundational knowledge in music theory and technology. In addition, students develop their skills in music production, composition, songwriting and entrepreneurship. They can take courses focused on different potential career pathways, such as music journalism, composing for media or audio engineering for video games. In their fourth semester, students stream into a focus on either Music Creation and Technology or Music Creation and Business. Students undergo a field placement in their final semester, gaining real-world work experience and utilising their skills.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements

Entrance into the program requires an OSSD with Grade 12 C or U English, or equivalent.

Music Industry Arts and Performance: Music Portfolio

All applicants to the Music Industry Arts and Performance program must fill out a musical background questionnaire. Applicants also must submit two audition videos. Each video must be a performance of a piece on your primary instrument. You can audition as a singer, rapper, or instrumentalist. If you are a singer or rapper and accompany yourself on guitar or piano, only your voice will be evaluated. The program is focused on popular (blues, rock, country, soul, hip-hop, r&b, pop, etc.), world and Indigenous music, and it is recommended applicants audition with music in these areas. Pre-recorded backing tracks are permitted, but your playing or singing must be clearly heard above the accompaniment.

They must also submit two or more of the following:

- Results of a music theory evaluation you will complete online
- A reference letter speaking to your musical ability and readiness for college, in PDF format
- Studio-quality recording, in MP3 format, of you playing and/or singing a song that is different from the song in the submitted videos
- Sheet music/lead sheet in PDF format of an original song; if it includes lyrics, they should be printed beneath the melody line
- A link to a video recording of you performing live in front of an audience, where you can be clearly seen and heard

Durham College

[Oshawa, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

Durham offers its [music business programs](#) in the [School of Media, Art & Design](#) at its Oshawa campus. These programs are designed to prepare students to enter the music industry with valuable practical skills and an in-depth knowledge of its business practice. It incorporates hands-on experience through a practicum course.



Life on Campus

Located in the northern end of Oshawa, Durham College shares a campus with Ontario Tech University. It features a host of [dining options](#) and student spaces, including an [eSports Arena](#). [Durham College Students Inc.](#) is the college's [student association](#), providing advocacy and student services. It also runs [events](#), manages the virtual [Riot Radio](#) and oversees a variety of [campus clubs](#). Athletic and fitness programming is offered through the [Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre](#), which is also shared with Ontario Tech University. In addition to the multiple gymnasiums and [fitness centre](#), it is also home to the [Campus Ice Centre](#) for those interested in skating and two indoor turf fields at the [Campus Fieldhouse](#).

Programs

Ontario College Diploma: Music Business Administration (MBA)

This 4-semester (2 year) [program](#) focuses on providing students with business, practical and administrative skills in the music industry, incorporating event management, accounting and marketing into its [curriculum](#). Students engage in a practicum course for the entire program to build practical skills through hands-on learning. Other courses include the study of contract law, publishing, live sound and video production.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements

The diploma program [requires](#) an OSSD diploma or equivalent, incorporating Grade 12 U or C English with a minimum grade of 60%.

Transfer Opportunities

Durham College maintains strong relationships with Ontario Tech University and others to facilitate advance placement when you [transfer](#) one of their undergraduate programs.

Fanshawe College

[London, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

Fanshawe offers its [Music Industry Arts](#) program through its [School of Contemporary Media](#), incorporating business knowledge with practical skills in the recording, production and creation of music. This program can also be integrated into music studies at Western University in the Music Recording Arts program. These programs incorporate time in Fanshawe's state-of-the-art recording and audio production facilities.



Life on Campus

Fanshawe's London Campus houses its residences, [Student Wellness Centre](#) and dining options, with easy transit to a variety of entertainment and cultural venues in London. Students in the program have access to state-of-the-art facilities for music production as well as a vibrant school community. Student activities at Fanshawe are supported by the [Fanshawe Students' Union](#), which advocates for students, hosts social events and supports [student clubs](#). Check out their [Instagram](#) to see more of their activity, and their website to learn more about their services, like the [Sharing Shop](#). Through the Student Wellness Centre, students have access to a variety of fitness and recreation amenities including [intramurals and recreational athletics](#).

Programs

Ontario College Diploma: Music Industry Arts (MIA)

This 4-term [program](#) focuses on guiding students towards becoming working musicians through hands-on experience, focusing on technical skills in recording and live audio production, writing and sound engineering. Students take [courses](#) in artist development, music production, songwriting and analysis. They also study communications and the music industry through business-oriented courses..

Ontario College Certificate: Pre-Media (PM)

This one-year [program](#) focuses on developing students' skills in preparation for further study in media programs, including the MIA program. Students take [courses](#) that cover a variety of different fields of media, exploring different career options and learning the fundamentals of audio, visual and interactive media and storytelling.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements

Music Industry Arts

This diploma program requires an [OSSD diploma](#) or equivalent, incorporating Grade 12 U or C English. Successful applicants meet [these criteria](#). Fanshawe recommends taking media arts, music, and other relevant Grade 11 or 12. Applicants must also submit a supplemental application involving a music recording, the details of which are provided after you apply.

They recommend students have “a background in music theory and performance, knowledge and appreciation of all types of music, an interest in the recording industry and its role in today's entertainment field and experience with computer and/or synthesizer/MIDI applications.”

Pre-Media

This diploma program requires an [OSSD diploma](#) or equivalent, incorporating courses from the College (C), University (U), Mixed (M) or Open (O) streams. *To enter the MIA program in the following year, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and meet the academic prerequisite course for the Music Industry Arts program.*

Western University

[London, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

[Undergraduate music programs](#) are offered through the Don Wright Faculty of Music and represent a variety of disciplines and interests, including performance, popular music, education and administration. Music education students are guaranteed entrance into Western's Faculty of Education and there is a breadth of performance opportunities, both solo and in ensembles. Please use these links to read more about Western's [departments](#), [opportunities](#), [parent information](#), [scholarships](#) and [virtual open house](#).



Life on Campus

The Don Wright Faculty of Music is located in Western's London campus, and students have access to facilities such as the [Paul Davenport Theatre](#) in Talbot College and [von Kuster Hall and the Moscovich Recital Hall](#) in the Music Building. Students at Western can participate in a [variety](#) of clubs and student societies, including ones focused on music. They can support important causes through their [Charity Chords](#) club or perform with the [UWO Choir](#) or [Chamber Music](#) clubs (which are not the same as the Faculty's ensembles). Students have access to the [Western Student Recreation Centre](#) (which houses its gyms and pool), a variety of on-campus dining and the University Community Centre.

Programs

Bachelor of Music (BMus): Music Recording Arts (MRA)

This combined [5-year degree and diploma program](#) is offered in collaboration with [Fanshawe College](#). You receive the benefits of Western's full BMus program (including ensemble experience, private instruction and a strong foundation in theoretical and practical skills in music) and Fanshawe's Music Industry Arts program. At the end of five years you will receive both a Bachelor of Music and a Music Industry Arts Diploma. After [two years of instruction](#) at Western, students enter their third year attending Fanshawe for 2 terms of the MIA program, then complete further study at Western in fourth year. They return to Fanshawe in the fifth year for the final two terms of the MIA program, whilst taking a further 1.0 course at Western.

Admissions Requirements

Bachelor of Music Entrance Requirements

Course Requirements

To enter the Bachelor of Music at Western, students need approved 4U and/or M level courses including ENG4U (English). All programs list a guideline of a mid-year average in the low 80s.

Audition

Repertoire should be chosen based on your [instrument or program requirements](#). The general requirement for instrumentalists is to perform two contrasting pieces demonstrating your level of skill, with vocalists performing three songs, one of which is in another language. Students should have piano proficiency of Grade VI (6) level before graduating; an [equivalency course](#) is offered during the school year. Details and more specific requirements available [here](#).

Admission Forms

All programs require two letters of admission from two separate referees, and to fill out a questionnaire for your program. See [here](#) for individual program forms.

Music Theory Assessment

A music theory assessment is not required for admission to Western's music programs. They [do recommend](#) having studied theory at a level equivalent to a minimum of Royal Conservatory of Music Level 6 Music Theory before entrance to the BMus program. An introductory [theory course](#), separate from first year theory, is still listed in their academic calendar.

Music Recording Arts Entrance Requirements

Students in their second year of the BMus are eligible to apply for the MRA program; 10 students are admitted into the program each year. The decision will be made by a joint committee from both Fanshawe and Western. Students will be assessed on their academic standing, an audition and will be interviewed. As this is a competitive program, meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Seneca Polytechnic

[Toronto, Ontario](#)

Overview

Ways to Study

Seneca offers its music programs at its campus at York University, through its [School of Creative Arts & Animation](#). These programs offer the opportunity to build musical and business skills through their production or performance and songwriting pathways.



Life on Campus

[Seneca@York](#), located on the grounds of York University, is home to its music programs. Students can access [competitive](#) and [recreational athletic facilities](#), and participate in on-campus [events](#) and [clubs](#) organized through the [Seneca Student Federation](#). They provide a variety of [services](#), and there are many opportunities to get involved. Students can find like-minded students interested in things like music or meditation, who wish to pursue career development or associations for students in the same program.

Programs

Ontario College Certificate: Independent Music Production (IMP)

This hybrid [eight-month certificate program](#) allows students to build skills to work as an independent music producer and artist, focusing on building production and business skills. Students [learn the basics](#) of recording, production and live sound, as well as create a major project, develop their theory and history knowledge and practice songwriting. Students learn to collaborate and about the legal and distribution aspects of the music industry.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements

Entrance into the program [requires an OSSD](#) with Grade 12 C or U English, or equivalent.

Supplementary Materials

All applicants will fill out an online profile and questionnaire.

Music Demo

Applicants to the IMP program must submit a demo during the application process. This will consist of an audio recording in MP3 format of one song. Along with the recording, the following credits must be provided: Composition/Songwriting, Performance, Production. Details on how to submit will be provided after you apply.

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