Music, Diploma

One of the many defining features of a culture is its music. From the bagpipes of Scotland to the steel drums of the Caribbean, traditional song identifies a land and its people to the rest of the world. Alberta's musical heritage is comprised of influences borrowed from the various ancestral lands of its citizens. Music is one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in North America. In today's world, musicians are required to be highly-trained, well-rounded, and versatile.

The following is a short list of opportunities in this field:

- **Performance**: Solo, small and large ensembles (eg. bands, orchestras) music theatre accompanying, recording artist, studio musician, conductor.
- **Composition**: Song writing, arranging, transcription, film scoring, computer-generated music.
- **Merchandising**: Promotion/publicity, management, music sales, budgeting/accounting, copyright.
- **Technology**: Recording engineer, sound technician, equipment maintenance and set up, concert hall technical director.
- **Teaching**: Private and group instruction in a home studio, private and group instruction in music academies, colleges, and universities.

**What you can be with your Music Diploma:**

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This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/).

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

**RDC Department Information**: This program is not currently offered at Red Deer College.
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With additional education, I could be a:

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Potential employers:

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Major Skills Obtained from a Music Diploma Program

- Read and write music
- Ability to use various sound equipment
- Work well both independently and on a team
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Artistry, Creativity
- Detail-oriented
- Good stage presence/poise
- Improvisation
- Motivation
- Performance techniques
- Perseverance/dedication
- Physical stamina
- Research and organizational skills
- Resiliency
- Self-discipline
- Teaching abilities
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Versatility

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

- Acoustical Society of America- [http://asa.aip.org](http://asa.aip.org)
- Alliance des chorales du Québec- [www.chorale.qc.ca](http://www.chorale.qc.ca)
- Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada- [www.iatse-intl.org](http://www.iatse-intl.org)
- American Federation of Musicians of the US and Canada- [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)
- American Music Therapy Association- [www.musictherapy.org](http://www.musictherapy.org)
- Association québécoise de l'industrie du disque, du spectacle, et de la video- [www.adisq.com](http://www.adisq.com)
- Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences- [www.carasonline.ca](http://www.carasonline.ca)
- Canadian Actors’ Equity Association- [www.caea.com](http://www.caea.com)
- Canadian Association for Music Therapy- [www.musictherapy.ca](http://www.musictherapy.ca)
- Canadian Association of Music Libraries (CAML) - [www.yorku.ca/caml](http://www.yorku.ca/caml)