



VanderCook has focused exclusively on music education for well over a century. The College's holistic curriculum emphasizes performance as well as instructional methods.

VanderCook offers a comprehensive course of study rooted in collaborative music-making and hands-on, project-based learning. Our students hone their skills through real-world teaching experiences and graduate fully prepared to teach band, orchestra, choir, and general music.

- We are a diverse, multicultural family with music in our blood
- 100% of courses taught by our world renowned faculty
- 6:1 student/teacher ratio
- 100% job placement rate

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Music Education (BMEd)

This immersive 4 year program will fully prepare you to teach band, choir, general music, and orchestra and lead to earning your Professional Educator License with preK-12 Endorsement in Music.

- Learn to play and teach 19 instruments
- Complete a 14-week student teaching experience
- Perform 2 recitals and 20+ performances each year including our annual concert at The Midwest Clinic: International Band & Orchestra Conference

Bachelor of Music in Performance & Pedagogy (BMped)

This 4 year program is for performers interested in becoming uniquely skilled musicians who study repertoire and pedagogy specific to their instrument, along with entrepreneurial, marketing and networking skills needed to build a successful private lesson studio.

- Increased lesson time with 2 extended recitals
- Internship providing real life experience in the music industry
- Customized curriculum designed to build mastery on your primary instrument while providing skills to build and maintain a private studio

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

VanderCook awards financial assistance to 100% of its full-time undergraduate students (incoming freshman and transfer students are eligible):

- Scholarships are awarded based on talent, academic success, need, and potential
- Scholarships are annual awards and may be renewable each year if the student meets and maintains basic criteria.
- Institutional aid is awarded in addition to state and federal financial aid packages that students may receive
- Other assistance may be available for highly motivated future music educators

Additional opportunities may be available for those playing specialty instruments



APPLY ONLINE

Welcome to VanderCook.
Where the Most *Inspired Musicians*
Become the Most *Inspiring Music Teachers.*

FOR OVER
100
YEARS

Contact us at admissions@vandercook.edu



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MORE**



VANDERCOOK SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Current high school seniors looking to turn their passion for music into a career may be eligible for the VanderCook Scholars Program. Recipients of this award receive a four-year FREE tuition scholarship.

**This program is for first-year students only.*

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from an accredited secondary school or its equivalent with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and completion of the following coursework is necessary for acceptance:

- 2 years of electives in foreign language or art
- 3 years of electives in music, or evidence of successful participation in music ensembles and classes
- 3 years of English
- 2 years of mathematics
- 3 years of social science

TRANSFER CREDITS

VanderCook accepts up to 78 semester hours of transfer credit. Credits are accepted for general education, music theory, piano techniques, applied music, and various courses at the discretion of the undergraduate dean. Once admitted to the college, prospective students will receive a detailed, individualized course plan for transfer students so they will know what classes will transfer. The remaining coursework is plotted by semester, so students understand their time to a degree before starting the program.

**Grades of C or above will be considered for transfer credit.
Some course placements will be determined by a performance or written assessment.*

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

VanderCook encourages prospective students to apply and audition early to take advantage of scholarship and financial aid opportunities while plentiful. The college operates under rolling enrollment and funding may be reduced after May 1st.

- **August 15, 2025: Online Application Opens for potential Fall 2026 Enrollees.**
- **May 1, 2026: Decision Day**

VISIT & AUDITION DATES

- **November 11, 2025***
- **February 3, 2026***
- **March 3, 2026**
- **April 10, 2026 (Junior Day)**

**Students applying for the VanderCook Scholars Program should plan to attend one of these sessions.*

For more information or to schedule an individual campus visit,
contact us: admissions@vandercook.edu

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