

GUIDE FOR CONSERVATORY MUSIC LESSONS: APPLICATION, SELECTION & ADMISSION 2024

NWU School of Music offers practical music instruction through the Conservatory to anyone who is interested, from full-time, registered, non-music students and staff, to school learners, adults and retirees. Previous experience is not required in some instruments, although preference will be given to advanced learners.

New applicants must audition and/or do an aptitude test before admission can be considered. Applicants who have passed the audition and/or aptitude test are provisionally accepted to the Conservatory for one year. Conservatory students may participate in the annual bursary competition, as well as student concerts, on approval by the lecturer.

Please read this guide carefully for full information on the requirements and procedures for application, selection and admission to Conservatory study at NWU School of Music.

1. Application for admission as Conservatory student

Visit the NWU School of Music website at < <http://nwumusic.co.za/conservatory-application/> > for full information and instructions to submit your online application.

The closing dates for applications are:

- For the 1st semester 2024 — **16 February 2024**
- For the 2nd semester 2024 — **12 July 2024**

2. Selection

2.1 Admission requirements

Previous experience is not required in some instruments, although preference will be given to advanced learners.

2.2 Dates for selection / audition

As soon as your application has been received, a specific date for each student's selection / audition will be determined and confirmed with the student via phone or e-mail. The specific audition requirements will be communicated by the lecturer.

The audition and/or aptitude test will take place at the Conservatory in Potchefstroom.

2.3 Accompaniment for practical auditions

Vocalists and instrumentalists must do their practical auditions with accompaniment (unless unaccompanied pieces are presented). If it is not possible to bring your own accompanist, we can refer you to local freelance accompanists that might be available.

3. Admission & Registration

After the selection process has been completed, all applications are considered on merit and availability of lecturers. Prospective students will be informed within 10 workdays if they have been provisionally accepted for Conservatory study.

Final admission can only be confirmed after the registration fee of R900 has been paid.

4. Financial Rules

Conservatory fees are strictly managed according to the university's official policy on Fees Payable & Financial Rules that is available at <https://services.nwu.ac.za/student-accounts-and-bursaries/payable-fees>

Conservatory fees for registered NWU students will be added to their current student account.

If you are a registered bursary/NSFAS holder, permission must be granted by the sponsor before final admission.

School of Music bursary awards and/or Culture bursaries and/or other internal bursary awards for registered BMus, BA Music & Society, Diploma in Music or BA Honours in Music students will be used to cover Conservatory lesson fees and/or any other unpaid academic fees first.

Please also pay attention to the following important information:

Fees payable upon cancellation or termination of studies

Should a student cancel his/her studies prior to 1 March 2024 for campus students and distance students, only the registration fee is payable. Should a student cancel his/her studies after 1 March 2024 for campus students and distance students, the full costs of the qualification programme and tuition for the first semester are payable.

Should a student cancel his/her studies for the second semester prior to 2 August 2024, only 50% of the qualification programme cost and full tuition for the second semester are payable. Should a student cancel his/her studies after 2 August 2024, the full qualification programme cost and tuition for the year are payable.

5. Preferred length of lessons

30 minutes per week for 28 weeks* = R4,570/year + R900 registration fee

60 minutes per week for 28 weeks* = R8,890/year + R900 registration fee

6. Access to NWU Conservatory facilities

No Conservatory student will receive an access student card or visitor's card to the NWU Conservatory (building K1).

Access for lessons: Conservatory students can obtain access through reception:

Monday–Thursday, 07:50–16:45 & Friday, 07:50–15:00. If lessons are booked after hours, the lecturer will provide access to the building.

Access and fees for practising facilities: Office hours only

NWU Conservatory facilities will be available during office hours only:

Monday–Thursday, 07:50–16:45 & Friday, 07:50–15:00.

* Subject to change according to school and university calendar adjustments.

Fees for NWU Conservatory practising facilities:

Instrument	Description	Fees per year
Organ	Full-time, registered music students	R2,335
	Non-music students & staff members	R3,790
	Other	R4,460
Piano	Non-music students & staff members	R3,225
	Other	R3,730
Voice & other instruments	Non-music students & staff members	R3,225
	Other	R3,730

7. Contact information

For enquiries and further information, please contact 018 299–4457 or music@nwu.ac.za