



ASTACAP

ASTA CERTIFICATE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

ASTA's Certificate Advancement Program (ASTACAP) helps students measure and achieve greater playing abilities and continue their music study with enthusiasm. Advancing successfully through the levels motivates students to practice.

ASTA has developed a carefully graded 11-level curriculum for **violin, viola, cello, double bass and harp**. Each level is a professionally designed pedagogical progression offering both study materials and adjudication/feedback. Using these guidelines for scales, etudes and solos, the teacher prepares the student for each level's evaluation. Successful completion of each level is recognized by ASTA with a Certificate of Achievement. This national award validates the teacher and student's work, and bears proof of a well-rounded system of instruction.

ASTACAP evaluations can be taken In Person or with an Online Examination:

In Person

- A live performing experience, including sight reading
- Multiple locations and dates, varies by state
- An opportunity to network with other students and teachers

BOTH OPTIONS offer:

- The same core curriculum based on national standards
- Individualized selection of study materials
- Motivation for students and clear goals for teachers
- Adjudicated by trained and certified professionals
- Non-competitive, excellent training for auditions and recitals
- Graded and comments-only options
- A Certificate of Achievement for passing a level
- Honors can be awarded by adjudicators for advanced students
- The 2015 Handbook- the complete guide to repertoire, policies, and guidelines

Online Examination

- Same online recording process used by music schools and colleges
- Can submit exams three times annually: January, April, and June
- A convenient option when a live event cannot be attended

To apply for an online examination:
<https://app.decisiondesk.com/clients/astacertificate/apply>

For more information contact your state ASTACAP representative or state ASTA board.
The ASTACAP handbook can be found online at astaweb.com/astacap (free for ASTA members.)