How do I get accepted into the Worship Ministry program?

First, you must be accepted into the college as a whole. That process is outlined in the catalog and other materials sent by the Admissions Office. We also need you to complete and send a Music & Worship Application form to the Music & Worship Office, with a recent picture of yourself.

The college also requires a musical assessment for admission into the Worship Ministry program. The assessment consists of a musical audition and interview with members of the Music & Worship Faculty, and of a written theory assessment.

Because of the nature of the skills needed for worship ministry, all students in our Worship Ministry program must be able to demonstrate exceptional aptitude and musical talent. Through the audition and interview, you will demonstrate your areas of strength, and we hope to determine whether or not we think your musical aptitude and abilities will match those needed for our rather rigorous program.

What happens in the musical audition?

You prepare to perform two musical selections. They will include singing, but are not limited to only singing. It is best if you can accompany yourself on guitar or piano, but that is not required. Our first choice would be to have you sing two worship songs in contrasting styles. You need not sing the entire song, if there is repetition of material. Please prepare about 5 minutes of total music.

The panel will then give you some simple exercises of sight-singing, singing harmony by ear, and doing some pitch retention exercises. You can’t really prepare for these assessments, but they can quickly give us a picture of your musical aptitude and preparedness for the program. These exercises will last no more than about 5 minutes.

What happens during the interview?

In the interview portion, you tell us about yourself: your past musical experience, your goals and areas of interest, and your vision of worship ministry. We may ask you a few questions to clarify your objectives and interests. Again, it will most likely be a brief interview. The entire process is planned for about 15 minutes.

What is the written theory test?

You will be given a theory placement test to determine your knowledge of music theory. This test is not for the purpose of acceptance into the program, but is to place you in the best music theory class for you. We offer a “pre-college theory” course called Music Fundamentals, and if you do well on the written test, you can “pass out of” that course and enter straight into our college-level music theory courses. Most students need to take at least some of the Music Fundamentals course, but this written evaluation helps us to know your needs.
How do I schedule a time to audition, interview and take the test?
Call or write to:
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Cincinnati Christian University
2700 Glenway Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45204
1.800.949.4CCU ext. 8165 or 513.244.8165.
musicworship@CCUniversity.edu

Times are usually scheduled according to the date you select on your Music/Worship Application form.

When will I hear the results?
You should get a letter announcing the results of your assessment within a week of your scheduled time.

What will those results tell me?
Assuming that you have been accepted to attend the school itself, the results are only for the Worship Ministry program. There are two possible answers that the letter will tell you:

- **Pass**—that you have been recommended to the ministry department as capable of completing the musical requirements of the degree. Then the work is behind you and you are ready to begin your coursework. Historically, we have accepted about 80% of those who audition.

- **Not Accepted**—this means that you are not recommended for the degree as a Worship Ministry major. You may still take the courses in the Worship Ministry program, and you can still participate in the learning community of worship ministry students and faculty. But, you may only take Applied Worship lessons at the elector level, and you will not be able to earn the Worship Ministry degree. You would be welcome to schedule a second audition at a later date (usually at the end of the first semester of school).

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