

Certification:

Becoming a
Certified McClosky Voice Technician



This intensive program in vocal technique and pedagogy is for voice professionals who wish to learn The McClosky Technique in detail and become certified to teach it.



Mastery of the Technique (as presented in *Your Voice At Its Best* by David Blair McClosky) is central to certification: successful CMVT candidates not only *know about* the McClosky Technique, they learn to *embody* it in their everyday singing and speaking. In addition, candidates also receive a thorough grounding in vocal anatomy/physiology and vocal disorders, and they participate in our supervised teaching practicum.

Each year's class consists of two online courses, voice lessons, and a seven day in-person session.

Year One (2023)

- Introduction to Vocal Anatomy and Physiology (online course with Zoom review and home exam)
- Introduction to Voice Disorders (online course with Zoom review and home exam)
- The Speaking Voice
- Articulation
- Voice lessons online and in person
- Observation of the Summer Seminar



Year Two (2024)

- Advanced Topics in Vocal Anatomy and Physiology (online course with Zoom review and home exam)
- Recognition of Voice Disorders & their Interventions (online course with Zoom review and home exam)
- Knowledge of Health Laws and Medical Ethics
- Voice lessons online and in person
- Supervised teaching of the Summer Seminar
- Performance at the Summer Seminar's recital/demonstration



Costs for 2023

Anatomy and Physiology course	\$300
Voice Disorders course	\$300
Voice Lessons	\$200
On-site class (seven days)	\$1,400
Room and Board (estimated)	\$650

Course materials will include

- McClosky, *Your Voice at Its Best*. 5th ed. Waveland Press, 2011.
- Dayme, *The Dynamics of the Singing Voice*. 5th ed. Springer, 2009.
- McCoy, *Your Voice, an Inside View*. 3rd ed. Inside View Press, 2019.
- Herman-Ackah, Sataloff, & Hawkshaw, *The Voice: A Medical Guide for Achieving and Maintaining A Healthy Voice*. Science & Medicine, Inc., 2013.



The Schedule for 2023

The on-site session will be held at Salem State University in Massachusetts, beginning late afternoon July 9, and concluding late afternoon July 16.

The Anatomy/Physiology course and the Disorders course should be completed online before arriving. Online review sessions and home exams for both of these courses will be scheduled for a time shortly before arrival.

Applying for the course

Familiarity with the technique is essential, either through attendance at one of our seminars, study with a CMVT, or participation in a group conducted by a CMVT. We require a bachelor's or equivalent degree in voice, music education, speech, or a related field, although significant professional experience may also be considered.

The application consists of official degree transcripts, a letter of recommendation from a CMVT, and the application form, available at www.mcclosky.org.

Applications should be complete by April 15, or earlier if you wish to begin the online classes before that date.

For Further Information

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