

# Lebanon Valley College

# MODERN BAND CERTIFICATE



## What is Modern Band?

Modern Band is a new graduate certificate program at Lebanon Valley College. The courses are designed to teach the pedagogy, instrumentation and creative strategies that are a part of popular music styles such as Rock, Pop, and R & B. Students will take courses in guitar, bass, keyboard, and drum set, as well as learn compositional and improvisational strategies. Most importantly the certificate is designed for educators to learn how to incorporate this music and instrumental instruction into their existing teaching situations.

The Modern Band curriculum can be taught not only in a public and private school environment, but also a private music school, church, and after-school program. The Modern Band method strengthens the ensemble experience for contemporary, studio, and church musicians.

## Why Choose Modern Band?

Modern Band utilizes the "Music as a Second Language" (MSL) pedagogy. The MSL method was developed by David Wish, CEO and Founder of Little Kids Rock. Drawn from his teaching career in the field of bilingual education, this method focuses on what is known about how children learn language and the connections that can be made between learning a language and learning music. This student centered approach incorporates improvisation and composition into music lessons. "Just as all kids are natural language speakers," says Wish, "they are also natural music makers. Not just some kids; all kids."

The Modern Band Certificate is a post-baccalaureate program that provides instrumental instruction in popular music styles. Utilizing the Music as a Second Language pedagogy, participants will perform, compose, and improvise individually and with peers. Through these experiences, participants will develop strategies for use in their classroom and teaching environments. Modern Band is music for all.



Call 717-867-6383 or email [mme@lvc.edu](mailto:mme@lvc.edu) for more information on the College's Modern Band Certificate program.

## What are the Modern Band Certificate Requirements?

Modern Band I: Foundations of Modern Band  
(2 credits, online course)

Beginning Pedagogy and Methods for Guitar & Drums  
(1 credit, online course)

Beginning Pedagogy and Methods for Electric Bass & Keyboard  
(1 credit, online course)

Modern Band II: Creative Experiences Practicum  
(2 credits, online course)

Modern Band Composition and Performance Ensemble  
(3 credits, face-to-face course)

## How do I apply for the Modern Band Certificate Program?

Complete an online application located at [www.lvc.edu/MME](http://www.lvc.edu/MME)

All candidates must have a bachelor's degree in music from a regionally accredited college or university and submit an official transcript.

If a candidate does not have a bachelor's degree in music, he/she must complete an online assessment to accompany the application.