

SPECIAL PREREQUISITES FOR THE ICC AND CCC

Intermediate Cantor Certificate (ICC)

Any NPM member over the age of 18 who has completed the BCC is eligible to apply for the ICC. If you completed the BCC prior to 2022, there is one additional requirement to fulfill. If you completed the BCC prior to 2016, there are 2 additional requirements to fulfill.

Special note to ICC applicants who completed the BCC prior to 2022: Two written assessments have been added to the BCC requirements since 2016. See the Scope and Sequence on the website for details on the current BCC requirements. These were added in order to provide stronger preparation for the ICC standards, particularly the essays.

- A written Liturgy Test on selected material from *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* (STL) was added in 2016.
- A short Written Reflection question on preparing to proclaim the psalm was added in 2022. The applicant is allowed to use resources in writing their response to this question.

In order to ensure that all ICC applicants have a strong foundation, any applicant who completed the BCC **prior to 2016** will be expected to take the BCC Liturgy Test at the beginning of the ICC process. It is a multiple-choice test, and detailed instructions on which sections to study will be provided. In addition, any candidate who completed the BCC **prior to 2022** will be expected to complete the BCC Written Reflection at the beginning of the ICC process. Detailed instructions will be provided by the Certificate Administrator.

Cantor Colleague Certificate (CCC)

Any NPM member over the age of 18 who has completed the ICC is eligible to apply for the CCC. If you completed the ICC prior to 2016, there is one additional requirement to fulfill.

Special note to CCC applicants who completed the ICC prior to 2016: In 2016, the written assessments for all NPM Cantor Certificates were updated to provide smoother transition from one level to the next. At that time, a written test on selected portions of *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* (STL) and *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) was added to the ICC and the CCC. This was added in order to provide stronger preparation for the ICC essays, and, in turn, the CCC Liturgy Exam.

Candidates who completed the ICC prior to the addition of this multiple-choice test will need to complete it as a first step in the CCC process in order to be fully prepared for the CCC expectations. Detailed instructions on the specific sections to study will be provided by the Certificate Administrator.