

# Miami Lighthouse Music Braille Online Course

## Welcome to Music Braille

Miami Lighthouse has added a new component to its Braille Literacy and Technology Program that will bring music instruction to blind students across the nation. Employment in the mainstream music industry is within reach of blind and severely visually impaired people who are educated in the skills and computer hardware and software that are standard in the music industry and proficient in Literary Braille Grade 2.

In 2013, Miami Lighthouse launched its unique Distance Learning Braille Music curriculum which is based on expanded course content from its nationally acclaimed Better Chance Music Production Program™ and Braille and Technology Literacy Program. The curriculum is specifically designed for blind and visually impaired of all ages with advanced Braille skills interested in pursuing a career in music. The curriculum was developed by collaboration with the Distance Learning Department of The Carroll Center for the Blind.

Comprehensive Braille Music training is not available anywhere else in the U.S. Braille Music is the only way for a blind musician to read music scores directly. Instructor Jin Ho Choi, himself a blind musician as well as a Library of Congress-certified brailist in literature and music, wrote the Braille Music course offerings and has been teaching them in-house for the past year. Now available online, the Grade 2 Braille reader can learn the basic concepts of musical notation. The copyrighted online curriculum includes the opportunity for interaction between a Braille instructor and the student located off-site. Each of the 26 lessons can be completed in approximately 45 minutes.

Miami Lighthouse is currently enrolling new students in the Braille and Technology Literacy program.

### Topic outline

#### Course Prerequisites:

- Proficiency in Literary Braille Grade 2
- Access to a musical instrument the student knows how to play or the vocal ability to practice the lessons
- Equipment to write Braille, a slate and stylus or a Perkins Braille
- Computer Access with screen reader such as JAWS, Window-Eyes, etc. and playback capabilities
- Download the free program entitled Perky Duck
- Equipment with digital recording capabilities such as a digital recorder, an iPhone, or a Smartphone, etc.

#### Course Outline:

The purpose of this course is to enable the Grade 2 Braille reader to become acquainted with the basic concepts of musical notation. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to read, understand and successfully play or sing a braille music score.

Each lesson will contain an objective, an activity and a home learning assignment section for the student to complete. At key points during the course, an assessment or test of the student's knowledge may be administered. A vocabulary of terminology pertinent to each lesson is also included. All vocabulary terms are included in the Glossary index.

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The enrolled student will sign in to his or her account by clicking on the following link:

<http://moodle2.carrolltech.org/>