

My Certification Experience

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I have been a member of MTNA since 1970 and have thought about the MTNA certification many times but just never got around to it. Regretfully that was a mistake because it is really a good thing.

I enjoyed the increased knowledge that it afforded me and the extra piano practice that it gave me a reason to do. As teachers we so often don't get around to practicing like we should and taking the piano exam gave me a new reason to renew my own skills.

As for the other tests, the theory was a breeze. The pedagogy was easy. I did have to study a bit for the History/Literature part. It has been a long time since college and a lot of that information had slipped away. It was good to renew my memory.

Another goal that I accomplished was putting together a list of my philosophy. I had not done that before, even though I had always had those things on my list of priorities but had not written them down into a list. This was something that I put on the opening page of my web site and shows what I believe.

Thanks MTNA for making this all possible for me. I proudly display my certification certificate in my studio.

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