



Make Space for Music

Skill Maps

DRUMS

DEBUT LEVEL 1

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of '**Skill Maps**' to bring structure and focus

to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches**, songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

DRUMS DEBUT LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED



GRIP & STROKE



DRUM KIT SETUP



FOOT TECHNIQUE



RHYTHM NOTATION



RUDIMENTS



DRUM KIT EXERCISES

DETAILS ON PG.2



GRIP & STROKE

- Demonstration of the basic matched grip
- Demonstration of the basic rebound stroke



FOOT TECHNIQUE

- Ability to demonstrate the heel up technique



RUDIMENTS

- Ability to play single strokes at 60, 80 & 100 bpm
- Ability to play double strokes at 60, 80 & 100 bpm
- Ability to play single paradiddles at 60, 80 & 100 bpm



DRUM KIT SETUP

- Setting up the hi hat, throne, snare & kick pedal



RHYTHM NOTATION

- Basics of notation: positions on the staff & their representations
- Knowledge of quarter & eighth notes, and the ability to sight-read combination snare exercises



DRUM KIT EXERCISES

- Ability to play basic quarter note beats
- Ability to play eighth note beats at 60, 80 & 100 bpm, with a play-along track

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice an avg. **30min - 1 hr. per day**, you can expect to have mastered the above in **3 months** (just **12 classes**) or less.
- If you practice around **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 1 - 2 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **6 months!**