

THEATRE ARTS: PROFESSIONAL THEATRE TECHNICIAN - AAS DEGREE

Overview

See Department website and program contacts here (<https://www.mhcc.edu/education-options/degrees-certificates/theatre-arts/professional-theatre-technician/>)

The **Professional Theatre Technician (AAS) degree** is designed for students seeking careers in technical theatre, live entertainment, and event production. The curriculum combines classroom instruction with hands-on production experience to prepare students for employment in a variety of theatre and live event environments.

Coursework includes topics such as **set design and construction, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, stage management, and production technology**. Students develop practical technical skills through participation in theatre productions, live events, and internship experiences.

The Professional Theatre Technician program is workforce-focused and prepares students for careers in theatre production, stagecraft, live event support, and related entertainment industries.

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor (<https://www.mhcc.edu/student-resources/academic-advising/>) to ensure appropriate course selection and program planning based on their educational background and career goals.

Refer to the tabs above for additional information about:

- **Education Plan** – provides a sample term-by-term sequence of courses
- **Career Info** – includes information on potential occupations, employment trends, and earnings

Program Learning Objectives

At the completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Apply knowledge of safe working practices and theatre etiquette to stage productions
- Read and execute technical drawings for scenery, lighting and rigging
- Apply critical thinking skills to solve theatre production challenges
- Create completed theatrical designs in one or more technical areas
- Create a résumé and support materials (portfolio) suitable for an interview in professional or educational theatre

Education Plan

This sample Education Plan illustrates one possible course sequence. Students should consult an advisor (<https://www.mhcc.edu/student-resources/academic-advising/>) to create a personalized plan.

General education courses (such as math, writing, health, etc.) can be taken during any term, or before starting the program.

First Quarter		Credits
Fall		
HE252	First Aid: Responding to Emergencies	3
TA111	Technical Theatre: Scenery	3
TA115	Professional Technician Orientation	1
TA227	Theatrical Makeup	3
TA134C	Technical Theatre Workshop: First Year	3
WLD116 or ART231	General Welding I or Drawing I	3
Credits		16
Second Quarter		
Winter		
COMM218Z or COMM262	Interpersonal Communication or Voice and Articulation	4
TA112	Technical Theatre: Lighting and Sound	3
TA135C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Major Production	3
TA247 or TA213	Theatre Sound Design and Production or Stage Lighting Design	3
WR121Z	Composition I	4
Credits		17
Third Quarter		
Spring		
ART281	Painting I	4
TA113	Technical Theatre: Painting and Special Effects	3
TA136C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Studio Production	3
TA121 or TA211	Costuming or Scene Design	3
Credits		13
Fourth Quarter		
Fall		
TA141	Acting Fundamentals I	3
TA234C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Second Year	3
TA215	Professional Technician Portfolio	1
MTH065 or MTH058	Beginning Algebra II (or higher) or Quantitative Reasoning I	4-6
TA101	Appreciating Theatre	3
Credits		14-16
Fifth Quarter		
Winter		
TA213 or TA247	Stage Lighting Design or Theatre Sound Design and Production	3
TA235C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Major Production Second Year	3
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TA106	Theatre History: Origins to the Renaissance	3
Credits		16-17
Sixth Quarter		
Spring		
TA107	Theatre History: Restoration to Contemporary	3

TA211 or TA121	Scene Design or Costuming 🌐	3
TA236C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Studio Production Second Year	3
TA280F	Co-op Education - Theatre	6
Credits		15
Total Credits		91-94

Related Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ART211	Survey of Visual Arts 🌐	4
ART225	Digital Art Toolbox	4
ART226	Digital Drawing and Imaging	4
ART234	Figure Drawing I	4
ART240	Character Design and Illustration	4
ART257	Jewelrymaking/Metalsmithing I	4
ART282	Painting II	4
ART291	Sculpture I	4
ENG201	Shakespeare	4
MUS117	Electronic Music Production I	3
TA142	Acting Fundamentals II	3
TA153A	Theatre Workshops: First Year	1
TA198C	Independent Studies: Theatre	3
TA280A	Co-op Education - Theatre	1

Career Information

Explore potential careers related to this program, including typical job roles, employment trends, and projected growth. This information can help you better understand how your education may align with future career opportunities.