

THEATRE ARTS: TECHNICAL THEATRE - CERTIFICATE

Overview

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

The **Technical Theatre certificate** is designed for students seeking entry-level careers in live entertainment and theatre production. The curriculum introduces technical theatre knowledge and hands-on production skills that prepare students for employment in a variety of performance and event environments.

Coursework includes topics such as **stagecraft, lighting, sound, set construction, and live event production**. Students develop practical technical skills used in theatres, event venues, churches, cruise ships, trade shows, film production, and other live entertainment settings.

The Technical Theatre program is workforce-focused and prepares students for entry-level positions as stagehands and technical production assistants. All coursework in the certificate applies toward the Professional Theatre Technician (AAS) degree for students interested in continuing their education.

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

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.

First Quarter

Fall		Credits
TA111	Technical Theatre: Scenery	3
TA115	Professional Technician Orientation	1
TA134C	Technical Theatre Workshop: First Year	3
TA101 or TA227	Appreciating Theatre or Theatrical Makeup	3
Credits		10

Second Quarter

Winter		
TA112	Technical Theatre: Lighting and Sound	3
TA135C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Major Production	3
TA213 or TA247	Stage Lighting Design or Theatre Sound Design and Production	3
Credits		9

Third Quarter

Spring		
TA113	Technical Theatre: Painting and Special Effects	3
TA121 or TA211	Costuming or Scene Design	3
TA136C	Technical Theatre Workshop: Studio Production	3
HE252	First Aid: Responding to Emergencies	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		31

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.