



# LCCC Major and Career Guide: Art

The field of art incorporates artistic expression through creating unique works, restoration, research and education. Positions in this field spend time studying history, creating, teaching and collaborating with other artists.

## ➔ Skills

Active Learning	Learning Strategies
Active Listening	Management of Financial Resources
Adobe Creative Suite	Management of Personnel Resources
Brand Management	Monitoring
Budgeting	Negotiation
Complex Problem Solving	Reading Comprehension
Coordination	Service Orientation
Creative Direction	Social Perceptiveness
Critical Thinking	Speaking
Decision Making	Visual Design
Instructing	Time Management
Graphic Design	Typesetting
	Writing

## ➔ Making the Most of Your Academic Experience

### Academics – Tips for Success

- Take an active role in your academics (getting good grades, attending class, and engaging in classroom discussion)
- Get to know your faculty (make a point to stop by during their office hours)
- Ask good questions
- Use your professional associations to learn more about the field

## ➔ Leadership, Internships, and Networking

**Get involved- Be a leader on campus by joining a student organization.**

Examples: Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association Campus Activities Board; or Residence Hall Council

**Volunteering for art related experiences will enhance your knowledge of the field while giving back to the community.** Arts Cheyenne; The Cheyenne Artist Guild; Cheyenne Village; Cooper Center for the Arts; Cheyenne Arts Festival; Cheyenne Frontier Days; Downtown Cheyenne; and University of Wyoming Art Museum

**Talking to people in the field about their experiences allows you to gain perspective about day to day responsibilities and increases your professional network.**

Informational Interviewing 101- Resource

[lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career\\_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf](http://lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf)



## ➔ Interests

**Artistic** – Interest in creative activities and self-expression

**Enterprising** – Interest in decision making, persuading and leading

**Realistic** – Interest in working with tools, machinery, plants and animals

## ➔ Questions to Consider

- Are you comfortable accepting critiques concerning your creations from your peers in the art community and the public?
- Are you deadline driven and disciplined?
- Are you okay with possibly working odd hours and/or freelance?
- Are you good with starting over?
- Can you adapt to your audience?
- Are you okay with creating pieces based on your client or customers ideas and needs?
- Do you enjoy history and/or art history?

## ➤ Part-time opportunities and internships

- Work specifically in creative settings such as summer camps, museums, specialty shops, galleries, schools, non-profits.
- Think about the transferable skills that you need to work in the creative industry and choose part-time employment that will enable you to gain experience in those areas.
- To search for part-time jobs go to the LCCC Career Center Online Resource Library [lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx) (Search- Topics: Job Search and Industry Cluster: Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Social Science and Humanities or Marketing, Sales and Service) and/ or College Central Network or online job posting site.

## ➤ Sample Occupations

(Credit Diploma (CD), Associate (AA), Bachelor (BA), and Beyond)

Advertising	Floral Designers (C or AA)
Art Directors (BA or Beyond)	Graphic Designers
Art restoration	Make-up Artist
Art Teachers (BA or Beyond)	Multimedia Artists and Animators (BA or Beyond)
Art Therapists (BA or Beyond)	Museum Directors (BA or Beyond)
Commercial and Industrial Designers (BA or Beyond)	Museum Technicians and Conservators (BA or Beyond)
Craft Artists	Non-profit Management
Designers (BA or Beyond)	Tattoo Artist
Event Planning	Non-profit Management (BA or Beyond)
Fashion Designers (BA or Beyond)	Visiting Lectures
Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators	

## ➤ Sample Work Settings

Apparel manufacturers/textile mills	Mental health facilities
Auction houses	Newspapers
Corporate media departments	Nonprofit organizations
Department stores	Public relations and advertising firms
Design firms	Publishing houses
Federal, state, and local government	Rehabilitation centers
Hospitals, nursing homes	Self-employed (freelance)
Interior design departments	Television and motion picture industry
Libraries	

## ➤ Salary (For more salary information go to [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org))

Occupation	Median Salary U.S. Yearly	Median Salary Wyoming Yearly	US Employment change, 2014-2024 -Percentage
Art Director	\$89,820	N/A	2.4
Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators	\$50,790	N/A	3.1
Museum Technicians and Conservators	\$40,040	\$35,470	5.2
Multimedia Artists and Animators	\$65,300	N/A	6.0
Secondary School Teachers	\$58,030	\$58,480	5.8



## ➤ Sample Employers

Fly Dragon Design  
Laramie County School District 1 & 2  
Peak Wellness  
State of Wyoming  
The Creative Group  
Manitou Galleries  
Deselms Fine Art & Custom Framing

## ➤ Professional Associations

American Art Therapy Association  
Americans for the Arts  
Association of Art Curators  
College Art Association  
Graphic Artist Guild  
National Art Education Association

## ➤ Additional Resources

**LCCC Department Art Program**  
**Website:** [lccc.wy.edu/programs/art/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/programs/art/index.aspx)  
**LCCC Academic Advising:** [lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx)  
**LCCC Career Center:**  
[lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx)

Resources used: O\*NET OnLine: [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org) and *What Can I do with this Major?*: <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>  
Laramie County Community College; Career Center and School of Arts and Humanities  
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