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
- Active Listening
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Brand Management
- Budgeting
- Complex Problem Solving
- Coordination
- Creative Direction
- Critical Thinking
- Decision Making
- Instructing
- Graphic Design

- Learning Strategies
- Management of Financial Resources
- Management of Personnel Resources
- Monitoring
- Negotiation
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Visual Design
- Time Management
- 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.*

**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 (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)
- Graphic Designers
- Make-up Artist
- Multimedia Artists and Animators (BA or Beyond)
- Museum Designers (BA or Beyond)
- Museum Technicians and Conservators (BA or Beyond)
- Non-profit Management
- Tattoo Artist
- (BA or Beyond)
- Visiting Lectures

Sample Work Settings

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

Salary (For more salary information go to onetonline.org)

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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
- LCCC Academic Advising: lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx
- LCCC Career Center: lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx

Resources used: O*NET OnLine: 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
1400 E College Drive, Cheyenne WY 82007
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