



LCCC Major and Career Guide: Theatre

The field of performing arts focuses on conveying artistic expression, often live or on film. Positions in this field spend time studying and rehearsing roles, training, exercising and collaborating.

➔ Skills

Active Learning	Monitoring
Active Listening	Music
Adobe Illustrator	Operation and Control
Adobe Photoshop	Monitoring
Audio Engineering	Operations Analysis
AutoCAD	Persuasion
Broadcast	Photography
Budgeting	Project Management
Cleaning	Reading Comprehension
Complex Problem Solving	Repair
Coordination	Routing
Critical Thinking	Scheduling
Customer Service	Service Orientation
Flow Diagrams	Social Perceptiveness
Inspection	Speaking
Instructing	Staff Management
Judgment and Decision Making	Supervisory
Management of Finances	Systems Analysis
Personnel Resources	Technical Support
Mathematics	Time Management
Microsoft Office	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: Theatre; Collegiate Music Association; Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association Campus Activities Board; Admissions Ambassadors; or Residence Hall Council

Volunteering for education related experiences will enhance your knowledge of the field while giving back to the community.

Cheyenne Little Theater; Cheyenne Civic Center; Laramie County District 1 and 2

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



➔ 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

- Am I comfortable speaking in front of others?
- Am I comfortable in high stress situations?
- Am I comfortable with ambiguity and uncertainty?

➤ Part-time opportunities and internships

- Work specifically in cultural settings such as summer camps, community theaters, amusement and theme parks
- 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)

Actors	Laborers/Freight/Stock & Material Movers
Administration of Arts	Lighting
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers	Design Management
Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	Marketing and Advertising
Box Office Sales	Motion Picture
Broadcast Technology	Projectionists
Camera Operation	Playwriting
Carpenter/Scenic Artist	Producers and Directors
Casting	Scriptwriting
Command and Control Center	Set Design/Construction
Coordination of Volunteers	Sound Engineering Technicians
Costume Design	Special Effects
Electricians	Stage Director
Fundraising and Development	Technical Direction
General and Operations Managers	Ushers, Attendants, and Ticket Takers
Hair/Make-up	Wardrobe

➤ Sample Work Settings

Acting conservatories	Nightclubs
Amusement and theme parks	Public or community programs
Arts councils	Radio stations
Cabarets	Regional theaters
Children's theaters	Repertory companies
Community theaters	Television/film studios
Cruise lines	Touring companies
Dinner theaters	University theater groups

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

Occupation	Median Salary U.S. Yearly	Median Salary Wyoming Yearly	US Employment change, 2014-2024 -Percentage
Actors	\$18,700	N/A	6.5
Sound Engineering Technician	\$53,680	N/A	7.6
Directors and Producers	\$70,950	\$45,620	9.1
Advertising Sales Agents	\$50,380	\$34,330	-2.7



➤ Sample Employers

Cheyenne Little Theater
Cheyenne Civic Center
Lincoln Center

➤ Professional Associations

American Association of Community Theatre
Educational Theatre Association
Screen Actors Guild
Actors Equity Association
American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
Stage Managers Association
American Society of Cinematographers
Directors Guild of America

➤ Additional Resources

LCCC Department Theatre Program
Website: lccc.wy.edu/programs/theatre/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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