# What is Theater Arts?

Study in the theatre arts offers exposure to creative dramatic expression, primarily in front of live audiences. Major areas of specialization include: acting, directing, theatre history and criticism, play writing, design, theatre technology, theatre studies (education) and creative drama. A theater major is your ticket to every corner of the theater world. Theater majors study plays and other dramatic works and their production. Classes cover such topics as theater history, playwriting, acting, and directing, as well as lighting, scenery, and costume design. Theatre is a major form of human expression, taking place in the present, but connecting us to other times and places. Theatre is a dynamic art form, constantly changing to include current issues and new media.

**LAMC Degrees & Certificates Offered**

* **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)** in Studio Art
* **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)** in Theater Arts
* **Associate of Arts Degree** in Art Gallery and Museum Studies
* **Associate of Arts Degree** in Painting

**Areas of Interest**

* Drawing
* Popular Culture
* Media
* Working with ideas
* Starting up and carrying out projects
* Working with forms, designs and patterns

**Skills**

* Imagination Creativity
* Flexibility Patience
* Basic reading, writing, and editing skills
* Strong communication skills
* Independence

**Transfer Related Majors**

* **CSU Los Angeles:** Theater
* **CSU Fullerton:** Theater
* **CSU Long Beach:** Theater Arts
* **CSU Northridge:** Theater
* **San Diego State:** Performance (Acting and Musical Theater)
* **UCLA:** Theater
* **UC Berkeley:** Theater and Performance Studies
* **UC Santa Barbara:** Theater

**Work Environment**

* Pace is fast and hectic at times; often there is pressure of deadlines
* Overtime may be required to get the job done
* The work is considered glamorous and exciting by many
* Use computers to help create designs, to store and retrieve text, and to produce reports

**Potential Job Titles**

* Director
* Playwright Producer
* Marketing/Promotion
* Film Critic Theater
* Managers
* Actor
* Costume Designer
* Stage Designer
* Talent Managers
* Drama Teacher

**Potential Employers**

* Television stations
* Theater production companies
* Film production companies
* Self-employed
* Live theater companies
* Colleges/universities
* Online streaming studios

**Earnings**

Earnings vary based on experience and occupation. As of 2019, the average annual wages for CNAs in California range from entry-level to more experienced positions. For specific details, visit California Career Zone at cacareerzone.org.

**Helpful Resources:**

· LAMC Career Center: lamission.edu/careercenter

· CSU Majors: degrees.calstate.edu

· UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

· Career Exploration: cacareerzone.org

For more detailed guidance on degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC Career Center at careercenter@lamission.edu.