

How long will it take to earn a degree or certificate?

Generally, students take three terms to complete all the courses required for the certificate. Associate degree requirements can generally be completed in two years of full time study. Graduates are also able to enter the workforce while earning their certificate and continuing their education.

While this program of study is not designed as a transfer program, if you are interested in earning a bachelor's degree, selected courses in this program meet lower division requirements for the bachelor of arts degree at many California State University and University of California campuses. Consult with department faculty and a college counselor for specific transfer requirements for the four-year college you have selected.



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TECHNICAL THEATER

CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM



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DVC Drama is dedicated to creating avenues for aspiring theatre professionals to explore and hone their skills and talents, while sharing their passion for live theatre through programs that entertain, engage, and inspire our community.



What is the technical theater program?

The technical theater certificate/degree program at Diablo Valley College prepares students for entry-level positions in community and professional theater. Technical theater students will gain both theoretical knowledge and practical experience in all areas of the theater, from an overview of the multiple disciplines of theater and the collaborations within, to the various functions that make theater productions work.

Students learn:

- roles of actors, directors, playwrights, and designers
- theory and techniques of stage lighting
- aesthetics, materials, and procedures of stage makeup
- the creation of animals and monsters
- construction of beards and mustaches
- creation of light designs for selected plays
- costume design and construction
- acting fundamentals
- stage management
- stage design
- scenery
- lighting
- sound



Why study technical theater?

Those who work in technical theater are involved in the exciting entertainment industry from the inside, and have opportunities to work in a wide variety of careers. While most careers related to theater require education beyond the associate degree, this program helps students develop an understanding and mastery of technical theater skills that will prepare them for work in local community and professional theater in many of the following careers:

- set designer
- model builder
- makeup artist
- lighting designer
- stage manager
- scenic artist
- set builder
- set painter
- stage technician
- sound technician
- prop maker
- lighting operator



What can I do with a technical theater degree or certificate?

After you have earned a certificate of achievement/associate degree in technical theater, you will be prepared for an entry-level position working in local community or professional theater. Job availability for technical theater graduates is good and continues to grow.

Salaries vary with experience, duties, and type of theater company. At the community theater level, entry level workers can earn about \$18 an hour and up as a shop carpenter, \$15 to \$20 per hour as a seamstress, and \$50 per show for a variety of technical positions. At the professional theater level, salaries are determined by the respective positions and union involved, with designer salaries currently averaging about \$5,000 per show.

When are classes offered?

Not all classes are offered every term, and to complete the courses required for the certificate, it will be necessary to attend a combination of day and evening courses.



"My time at DVC Drama gave me the skills, experience, work ethic, and passion for storytelling that made all my successes possible. I believe the faculty, staff, and program at DVC Drama gives theatre students the training and education to succeed in any theatre medium in the country." *Tim Nottage, Received his Technical Theater Certificate in 2010 and is now Props Artisan for the Tony Award Winning Regional Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse*