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
- Active Listening
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop
- Audio Engineering
- AutoCAD
- Broadcast
- Budgeting
- Cleaning
- Complex Problem Solving Coordination
- Critical Thinking
- Customer Service
- Flow Diagrams
- Inspection
- Instructing
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Management of Finances
- Personnel Resources
- Mathematics
- Microsoft Office
- Monitoring
- Music
- Operation and Control
- Monitoring
- Operations Analysis
- Persuasion
- Photography
- Project Management
- Reading Comprehension
- Repair
- Routing
- Scheduling
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Staff Management
- Supervisory
- Systems Analysis
- Technical Support
- Time Management
- 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.

**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)

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Sample Work Settings

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

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

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

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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