# A.S. in Theatre Arts

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE THEATRE ARTS PROGRAM**

The Associate of Arts degree in Theatre Arts (A.S.) is a 60-credit program at Kingsborough Community College offers students a varied, liberal arts-based introduction to the art of theatre, through traditional lecture-style classes, conservatory-style studio classes and a full production season. Students may concentrate in either Performance or Technical Theatre, both of which allow students to select electives relevant to the student's specific area of interest. The program produces a season of theatrical productions and workshops every academic year, allowing students to put into practice what has been outlined in the classroom. The 60 credits earned through Kingsborough's A.S. in Theatre Arts degree are designed to transfer to all CUNY four-year colleges, SUNY colleges, and other private colleges and universities, many of which have established articulation agreements with Kingsborough.

### **SKILLS**

**Self-confidence.** Self-confidence in theatre shows that you can handle a variety of responsibilities, difficulties and pressure. Developing a "Yes, I can!" attitude is essential in the field.

Oral communication skills. When acting on stage, it's required to have clear communication skills.

Adaptability and Flexibility. In theatre one must be flexible and adaptable. The willingness to try new ideas, accept new and different challenges and adapt to the changing environments is crucial. There might be different and changing roles each day, and one must learn to cope thoroughly.

# **CAREER INFORMATION**

Theater graduates have many opportunities available within the performing arts field, including acting, directing, and set design. Theater degree programs are available at the associate, bachelor's and master's degree level. While few positions require formal education, theater programs can hone essential skills and open up more job opportunities. Many actors enhance their skills through formal dramatic education, and long-term training is common. Actors work in various settings, including production studios, theaters, and theme parks, or on location. Work assignments are usually short, ranging from one day to a few months.



# **EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK**

According to BLS report, employment of actors is projected to show little or no change from 2018 to 2028. Growth in the number of Internet-only platforms may lead to work for actors. However, theatre arts is not limited to the acting field: Positions such as set designers, drama teachers and dancers are also a part of the field.

#### **CAREER PATH**

Actors work in various settings, including production studios, theaters, theme parks, or on location. Work assignments are usually short, ranging from one day to a few months. The median hourly wage for actors was \$17.54 in May 2018.

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