Theatre Arts

OCC’s Theatre Arts department offers students an opportunity to explore the art, theory and craft of live theatre in a hands-on and engaged way. Our lecture and practicum courses are designed to give the student opportunities to take the next step toward a degree or career in theatre or in the entertainment industry.

OCC Theatre offers four degree options and a Career Technical Education (CTE) Certificate in Media Arts and Creative Entertainment:

The AAT degree is offered with an emphasis in Acting or in Technical Theatre, and the AA degree is also offered with an emphasis in Acting or in Technical Theatre.

The Certificate is designed for the student who wants a concentrated course of study in the field of acting/directing coupled with film and television production. Students will be educated in performing, directing, storytelling, camera operation, event documentation, lighting, sound, post-production, and business practices.

Students can expand their foundational knowledge of theatre while gaining skills in hands-on collaboration with faculty and fellow students producing or performing in OCC theatre department productions. Student participation in our specialty theatre courses forms a deeper understanding of the craft, and enrollment at OCC allows the student to select from a wide array of OCC general education courses that provide a strong foundation for transfer to four-year degree programs.

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Theatre Arts department website (http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/divisions/visual_arts/Theatre_Arts/Pages/default.aspx)

- Theatre Arts, Associate in Arts Degree (https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/language-communication/theatre-arts/theatre-arts-associate-arts-degree/)
- Theatre Arts, Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (AA-T) (https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/language-communication/theatre-arts/theatre-arts-associate-arts-degree-transfer-aat/)