Extended Diploma in Technical Theatre and Stage Management

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Newcastle** | **Subject Type: Music & Performing Arts**

Course Overview:

Do you have a love of the arts but prefer to be behind the scenes? If you've ever fancied a career in the performance industry but want to stay out of the limelight, this course is perfect for you.

What's Covered:

During your time on this two year programme, you will have the opportunity to explore technical theatre through a range of specialist areas including Theatre Production from The Historical Context of Performance, Production Planning and Production Performance, Front of House management and Operations, Events Management to the more technical side such as Stage Management, Stage Technical Maintenance, Stage Lighting Design and Operation, Stage Sound Design and Live Sound for the Stage.

You will develop practical skills and gain a wider understanding of the Performing Arts industry as well as having the opportunity to work alongside our Performing Arts students on many productions with elements such as lighting and sound being key disciplines explored throughout the qualification.

There is high demand for technical theatre careers so your study programme will incorporate a range of work related experience activities to ensure you have the breadth of skills required to prepare you for a move towards university, an apprenticeship or industry employment.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above. Alternatively, you'll need a Level 2 Diploma with overall Merit in a relevant subject and maths and English at appropriate levels.

You will be invited to interview/audition where you will have the opportunity to meet the department and be shown the outstanding facilities at the Performing Arts Centre. You will not need previous experience in production or performing arts but have a desire to learn all about technical production and stage management or arts in the community and the business of performing arts.

Maths and English

Alongside your course you will study Maths and/or English to improve your skills in these vital subjects by attending structured weekly sessions as part of your timetable. Maths and English development is also integrated in practical assignments.

Assessment Information:

The course contains a number of mandatory and specialist units, some of which are assessed externally. You will be assessed continually throughout the year as you complete each task within a unit of study. Tasks vary and include practical work, written reports and presentations.

100%

pass rate

75%

achieved DMM+ in 2026

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

There are many university courses covering technical theatre, events management, front of house productions throughout the UK. There are also a number of creative Apprenticeships all over the country you could go onto.

Theatre Production (Technical) gives you the opportunity to work all around the world from TV to travelling theatres, West End/Broadway theatres to local community theatres.

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact us by email at: performingarts@nscg.ac.uk