

What Can I Do With a Major in Theatre?

<p><u>Possible Career Options</u> <i>(some career options could require advanced study)</i></p> <p>Actor/Actress Advertising/Marketing Manager Booking Agent-Resort Industries Campaign Director Children's Theatre Director Community Affairs Liaison Convention Director Costume Designer Costume Shop Supervisor Development Officer Director, Public Relations Director, Student Affairs Director, Tourism Events Coordinator Fashion Merchandiser Fund Raiser Graphic Designer Journalist Lighting Designer Marketing Communications Director Minister/Clergy Museum Manager Non-Profit Arts Manager Professor/Theatre Props Designer Recreational Supervisor Sales Rep-Theatre Industry Set Designer Specialist Stage Manager Technical Theatre Manager Theatre Educator Theatre Manager Travel Agent Universal Information Specialist Wedding Planner</p>	<p><u>Transferable Skills</u> Sees the overall picture and breaks down the necessary components</p> <p>Has a strong sense of collaboration and team work</p> <p>Possesses a strong work ethic</p> <p><u>Leadership & Interpersonal Skills</u> Manages time</p> <p>Possesses strong organizational and event planning skills</p> <p>Builds effective relationships with co-workers</p> <p>Adapts to changes</p> <p>Gives/follows directions well</p> <p>Possesses creativity and artistic talent</p> <p><u>Problem Solving Skills</u> Generates ideas and formulates solutions</p> <p>Approaches challenges creativity</p> <p>Leads groups to consensus</p> <p><u>Communication Skills</u> Possesses strong oral and written communication abilities</p> <p>Motivates others to work well together</p> <p>Presents to large groups of people</p> <p>Thinks spontaneously</p> <p>Adapts easily</p>
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Employment Sites

Past interns and graduates have worked at:

ABC Television
Ariel Repertory Theatre
Ashland University
Aurora University
Berea Summer Theatre
Brillstein Grey Management
Broadway
CBS-TV Affiliate
Cedar Point Amusement Park
Cleveland Playhouse
Cleveland Public Theatre
Cleveland Opera
Columbia Pictures
Columbus Opera
Commercial Arts Institute
Contemporary American Theatre Co.
Equity Touring Company
Federal Aviation Administration
Florida State University
General Title & Trust Co.
Great Lakes Theatre Co.
Hilton Head Resort
IVID Communications
Kennedy Center
KMI Industries Inc.
Madcap Theatre
McCarter Theatre
Media County Court System
New Richmond High School
New York City Opera
Oklahoma State University
Opera New Jersey
Paramount Pictures
Pittsburgh Opera
Playhouse Square Association
Richland Academy of the Arts
Santa Fe Opera
Steppenwolf Theatre
The Hun School of Princeton
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Wisconsin
US Air Force Special Services
Walt Disney Pictures
Warner Books Company
Westport Theatre

Experiential Education

Acting in a community, regional, or children's theatre
Coordinating a summer children's theatre production
Directing Youth Theatre
Controlling the sound environment for a production
Designing costumes, sets, and lights for productions
Stage managing productions
Serving as technical producer for a high school play
Assisting with management of arts organizations

Additional Resources

Art Search: The National Employment Bulletin for the Arts.
Theatre Communications Group Inc.

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