

TECHNICAL THEATRE



MIRACOSTA COLLEGE

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The Technical Theatre Program at MiraCosta College is dedicated to excellence in theatre education and emphasizes professional preparatory training, transfer education, community networking and personal growth.

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THE THEATRE AT MIRACOSTA COLLEGE

The newly remodeled theatre at MiraCosta College is a contemporary space designed especially for college actors. With seating for 243, the theatre is warm and intimate and features a full fly counterweight system; hydraulic thrust stage; vom; costume and scene shops; a state-of-the-art makeup facility; and up-to-date computerized sound and lighting systems, including MIDI, intelligent lights and a new soft patch lighting system.

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE'S THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

MiraCosta College produces four plays each year: a musical, a comedy, a drama and a style piece. At least one play in the season is performed in a "black box" configuration. The theatre program has a strong working relationship with the music and dance programs, creating even more student tech and design opportunities.

KENNEDY CENTER/AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Each year, the MiraCosta College Theatre Program participates in the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. By participating in the festival, students have the opportunity to compete in design and stage management, view others' work, and meet students and faculty from university transfer destinations and graduate programs.



MiraCosta College students have routinely reached the semi- and finalist rounds of the regional competition. Sarah Kelley, a MiraCosta College stage-management student, won the national competition in 2006. In 2009, the college took home the coveted KC/ACTF "Best Load-in Award," (pictured left, held by Kelly Kissinger) beating out eight other college and university productions.

TECHNICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

Students in MiraCosta College's Technical Theatre Program are provided with well-rounded training in all aspects of technical theatre. Instruction is both theoretical and hands-on with many opportunities to apply learned skills by working on the four main stage theatre productions as well as on student productions, music and dance concerts. MiraCosta College has one of the best community college makeup programs in the state with an honors component for students wishing a more in-depth experience. Students can expect to leave the program with marketable skills to start a career in technical theatre and/or with solid preparation to continue their studies in a university or conservatory setting.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MiraCosta College students take advantage of working relationships with local theatres and production companies such as Moonlight Stage Productions, New Village Arts, Sunshine Brooks Theatre, North Coast Repertory Theatre and Star Theatre. MiraCosta College is a venue for the annual auditions and tech interviews for professional companies like PCPA Theaterfest based in Santa Maria and the Summer Repertory Theatre in Santa Rosa.

BACKSTAGE PLAYERS

The Backstage Players is MiraCosta College's student theatre club. The club provides opportunities for interaction with MiraCosta College students, faculty, administration and the community. The club also promotes and presents theatre productions to the student body and general public.

TECHNICAL THEATRE CERTIFICATE & ASSOCIATE DEGREE

For more information about each certificate and associate degree, please contact the Counseling Department at 760.795.6670 or consult the MiraCosta College catalog at catalog.miracosta.edu/disciplines/dramaticarts.

Certificate of Achievement

Certificates of Achievement are designed to prepare graduates for immediate employment in specific career areas.

Design & Technology

21 units

Associate Degree

MiraCosta College's Technical Theatre Program offers the following associate degree:

Dramatic Arts: Design & Technology

Students planning to earn an associate degree should meet with a MiraCosta College counselor before or early in their first semester to identify courses that meet degree requirements. The associate degree(s) listed above require completion of a Certificate of Achievement and general education courses specified in the MiraCosta College catalog.



"MiraCosta College's Technical Theatre Program gave me the skills and opportunities to get where I am today...designing in professional theatre."
—Jeff Polunas, free lance sound designer