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THE CAREER

Speech and theatre professionals are found in a variety of fields, even those beyond what traditionally comes to mind. Their careers span multiple industries such as business, education, entertainment, law, government and the non-profit sector.

A speech and theatre degree helps ECC students develop core skills that prepare them for employment in these areas. In their studies, they hone and develop creative, critical-thinking, collaboration, problem-solving and communication abilities.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- Demonstrate solid verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Collaborate well with others
- Be punctual, reliable and flexible
- Have the ability to take direction or give direction to others as needed
- Be comfortable speaking or performing in public
- Think critically and creatively to solve problems and accomplish goals

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Actor/Actress
- ✓ Acting Coach
- ✓ Arts Manager
- ✓ Director, Producer or Stage Manager
- ✓ Drama/Theatre Educator
- ✓ Drama Therapist
- ✓ Event Planner
- ✓ Forensics Coach
- ✓ Literary Manager
- ✓ Marketing/Communications Professional
- ✓ Playwright
- ✓ Publicist
- ✓ Public Relations Professional
- ✓ Speech Educator
- ✓ Speech/Language Specialist or Pathologist
- ✓ Speech Writer
- ✓ Technical/Lighting Crew Member or Director

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- **Communicating (COM):** Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- **Creative/Critical Thinking (CCT):** Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- **Ethics and Social Responsibility (ESR):** Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

THE PROGRAM

This degree plan is designed for ECC students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in speech, communication, theatre or other related emphasis. Assuming appropriate placement scores, speech and theatre is a two-year degree, with flexibility to customize the program toward the student's chosen career. This academic plan consists of the 42-credit hour general education core required of all transfer degrees plus elective courses in communication and the dramatic arts.

The program is divided into two tracks: speech and theatre. Students on the speech track focus on communication curriculum including journalism, mass media, public speaking, human relations and film studies. The theatre track emphasizes on-stage and backstage dramatic arts including acting, directing and hands-on production, along with drama, literature, and theatre appreciation courses.

In addition, East Central provides various student activities, organizations and practicum experiences related to the discipline. These include the *Cornerstone* student newspaper, full stage performances, readers' theatre, Literary Review Club and the Words and Motion series.

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and/or universities. Please note that transferring credit is decided by the bachelor degree-granting institution.

Students seeking to transfer should communicate often with their faculty advisors and the East Central College transfer advisor. They should also make early contact with the four-year institution of their choice regarding the transferability of ECC credits and coursework.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AA program (60 credit hours)

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. For the most current schedule visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking	3
MT 1403 College Algebra	3
THE 1303 Theatre Appreciation	3
Theatre Elective*	3
Total Hours	16

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
EN 1333/ EN 1343 English Comp II or Honors English Comp II	3
CT 1123 Introduction to Film Studies or COM 1033 Introduction to Mass Media Communications	3
HI 1000/ PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
Theatre Elective*	3
Communication Elective	3
Total Hours	15

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students	0
Life or Physical Science Requirement (with lab)	5
Creative and Critical Thinking Elective	3
Theatre Elective*	3
Theatre Elective*	3
Total Hours	14

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
Life or Physical Science Requirement	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
Global and Cross Cultural Elective	3
Theatre Elective*	3
Theatre Elective*	3
Total Hours	15

*THEATRE ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Students work with an ECC advisor and the baccalaureate institution of their choice to enroll in electives that will best transfer. Those on the theatre track should take acting, directing and theatre practicum courses, which provide a complete picture of the theatrical production process.

THE 2821, THE 2822, THE 2823 Theatre Practicum: Drama Production	THE 2831, THE 2832, THE 2833 Advanced Theatre Practicum: Drama Production
THE 2801, THE 2802, THE 2803 Theatre Practicum: Musical Production	THE 2811, THE 2812, THE 2813 Advanced Theatre Practicum: Musical Production
THE 1403 Acting I	THE 2003 Directing I
THE 2503 Acting II	THE 2223 Directing II
COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking (unless taken in Year 1 Fall)	COM 1033 Introduction to Mass Media Communications or COM 1123 Introduction to Film Series (unless taken in Year 1 Spring semester)
AR 1023 Design I: Two Dimensional Design	AR 1133 Design II: Color Theory
AR 1133 Design II: Color Theory	AR 1703 Art History I
AR 2433 Design III: Three Dimensional Design	AR 1713 Art History II
DES 1023 Digital Imaging I: Photoshop	DES 1123 Digital Illustration I: Illustrator