

HND Acting & Performance *(SCQF Level 8)*

Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
CDDC	Aberdeen City Campus	2 Years

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise at North East Scotland College. This school encompasses the Creative Arts, Music, Drama, Media, ESOL, Business Enterprise and Computing and IT subjects – all of which offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future careers.

Through work with external clients and experienced, knowledgeable teaching teams, our students will benefit from industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Susan Betty, Director of Curriculum for Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise

Introduction to the course

This advanced level course allows you to develop your skills and confidence with a view to working in one of the most vibrant areas of the creative industries; the performing arts. It will provide you with a platform from which you can build on your leadership and cooperative team working skills, whilst achieving valuable insights into contemporary theatre practices.

We work in close partnership with Aberdeen Performing Arts, Aberdeen Arts Centre Theatre and the Scottish Drama Training Network, and throughout the course you will be strongly encouraged to develop an understanding of how to market your talents within the industry.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have at least two Higher qualifications. Please note that you will be required to attend an audition. Advanced entry to year 2 is possible for those who previously completed HNC Acting and Performance, as long as 15 credits were obtained.

What subjects will I be studying?

You will get countless opportunities to develop advanced skills in the key areas of voice, singing, movement,

production and acting.

In Year 1 students study the following Units:

- Acting 1: Developing Skills
- Acting Methods & Practitioners
- Acting for Radio
- Movement
- Production 1
- Singing Skills for the Actor
- Text & Performance
- Theatre Styles
- Voice 1

In Year 2 students study the following Units:

- Acting 2: Applying Skills in Performance
- Movement 2: Applying Skills in Performance
- Voice 2: Applying Skills in Performance
- Production 2: Applying Skills in Performance
- Acting for Camera
- Professional Development for Actors
- Devising Theatre

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout both years. Assessment is carried out through a combination of written assignments, performances and presentations.

Dress code

Students should dress appropriately for practical activities, and will be required to wear blacks and appropriate footwear for movement activities.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you could progress from your chosen course to a related university degree, subject to conditions. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities](#)

University progression

The HND can help gain entry to a variety of performing arts degree programmes (i.e. Royal Scottish Conservatoire - subject to conditions).

The Open University

An HND can give up to 240 credits towards the 360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours or 180 credits towards the 300 credit BA/BSc Open Degree.

Employment

Typical career paths include theatre, television and radio work as a performer, presenter or writer. You may also get involved in staging or casting, or opt to pursue work in your local community as a workshop leader or teacher.

Useful information

Faculty:	Creative Industries
School:	School of Creative Industries, Computing and Business Enterprise
Faculty Manager:	Elaine Makein Email: e.makein@nescol.ac.uk
Curriculum & Quality Manager(s):	Tony Young Email: t.young@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance

All full-time students will have a designated Course Tutor and a Guidance Tutor. Your Course Tutor will act as your main key point of contact for all matters relating to your course and progress. Your Guidance Tutor will monitor your attendance, as well as deal with any personal matters you may want to discuss.

Guidance Tutors work closely with Course Tutors and other lecturing teams to ensure you have access to any support you need to ensure you successfully complete your course. There are various issues that may affect your learning whilst at College, so please talk to someone if you encounter any problems at all.

[Find out more about Guidance at NESCol](#)

Support

The College has trained advisers in place to help you with a range of factors that might affect your time at College.

They can help you with your application, funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Find out more about student support at NESCol](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about learning resources at NESCol](#)

Library+ and Digital Skills Space

Our Library+ sites at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

Our Digital Skills Space is a new modern and accessible facility where students can study and access key resources/support. It has replaced what was previously the IT Centre, and is located in the newly expanded Library+ at City Campus.

[Find out more about what our Library+ has to offer](#)

[Find out more about the Digital Skills Space](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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