

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
- Graded Unit 2

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 can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. 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 in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

University progression

The HND can help gain entry to a variety of performing arts degree programmes (i.e. Royal Scottish Conservatoire - subject to conditions) along with the following articulation options:

Edinburgh Napier University

- BA (Hons) Acting for Stage & Screen (year 3, subject to conditions)

Glasgow Caledonian University

- BA (Hons) Management & Enterprise (year 3, subject to conditions)

University of West Scotland

- BA (Hons) Contemporary Screen Acting (year 3, subject to conditions)
- BA (Hons) Performance (year 3, subject to conditions)

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
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Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

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 NESCol learning resources](#)

Library+

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.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

College calendar

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

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