

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Theatre.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Actor
- Actor/Actress
- Agent
- Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
- Arts Manager
- Arts Administrator
- Audio/Video Technician
- Ballet Dancer
- Box Office Theater
- Casting Director
- Choreographer
- Chorus Singer
- Comedian
- Company Manager
- Composer-Musical Theater /Opera
- Copywriter
- Costume Designer
- Critic- Broadcasting
- Critic- Print Media
- Dance Notator
- Dance Teacher
- Dance/Movement Therapist
- Dancer
- Director (theater)
- Director- Theatrical Production
- Drama Coach
- Drama Therapist
- Drama/Literacy Manager
- Editorial Assistant
- Costume Designer
- Layout Coordinator
- Librettist
- Lighting Designer
- Lighting Technician
- Line Editor
- Makeup Artist
- Media Planner
- Media Salesperson
- Narrator
- Negotiator/Mediator
- Opera Singer
- Playwright
- Private Dance Teacher
- Theatrical Production
- Producer/Director
- Production Assistant
- Production Hairstylist
- Programming Director
- Public Affairs Officer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Publicity Director
- Radio/TV Announcer
- Recruiter
- Sales Representative
- Scenic Designer
- Section Member
- Show Musician
- Singer
- Songwriter
- Sound Technician
- Stage Manager
- Stage/Set Designer
- Studio Musician
- Stylist
- Talent Manager
- Talent Scout
- Teacher
- Technical Director
- Theater Arts Professor
- Theater Critic
- Theatrical Press Agent
- Tour Guide
- Tourism Director
- Training & Development Director
- Vocal Coach
- Voice-Over Artist

Possible Professional Settings:

- Broadway Theaters
- Community Theaters
- Design Studios
- Dinner Theaters
- Musical Theaters
- Opera Companies
- Orchestras
- Recording Studios
- Comedy Clubs
- Television
- Motion Pictures
- Advertising Agencies
- Colleges / Universities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- National/Local Radio/TV Networks
- Public Relation Firms
- Publishing Companies
- Magazines, Newspapers
- Children's Theaters
- Summer Theaters
- Trade Associations

Resources:

*The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.**

Professional Associations - Samples

- Actors' Equity Association: www.actorsequity.org
- American Alliance for Theatre and Education: www.aate.com
- American Association of Community Theatre: www.aact.org, www.ndca.org
- American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers: www.ascap.com
- National Dance Council of America Screen Actors Guild: www.sag.com
- Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers: www.ssdcc.org
- United Scenic Artists (USA): <http://www.usa829.org/>
- International Alliance of Stage Employees (IATSE): <http://www.iatse-intl.org/home.html>

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- www.spu.edu/depts/cdc/students/internships/Theater

General Career Information

- Washington Occupation Information System: www.wois.org Site Key: KTX478
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/oco/
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetcenter.org

SPU Resources

- Theatre Department Website: http://www.spu.edu/depts/fpa/theatre/tre_homepage.asp
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx
- On Track Degree Planner: <http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/>

** Websites are current as of September 2011. If any go inactive, please let us know.*