

Options with a degree in Acting

What skills will you develop?

Acting graduates are able to:

- demonstrate a high level of presentation, communication and listening skills
- work with versatility and an open mind
- perform under pressure, improvise and think quickly
- work collaboratively with others
- be self-aware and act with self-discipline and a high level of self-motivation
- manage time and workloads effectively to set deadlines
- show resilience and stamina
- learn from mistakes and strive for improved performance

These are just a sample of jobs where an Acting degree would be a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study:

- Actor
- Arts administrator
- Broadcast presenter
- Community arts worker
- Costume director
- Entertainer
- Entertainment agent
- Entertainments manager
- Further education teacher
- Higher education lecturer
- Primary school teacher
- Radio broadcast assistant
- Screenwriter
- Secondary school teacher
- Stage manager
- Stagehand
- Stunt performer
- Theatre director
- Theatre stage manager
- TV or film director
- Vocalist

What have recent Acting graduates gone on to do?

- Actor, Boss Casting Agency
- Actor, Keddie Scott Associates Ltd
- Actor/Children's Entertainer, M&M Theatrical Productions
- Drama Teacher, Noodle Performance Arts Ltd
- Entertainments Manager, Carnival UK
- Freelance Director and Playwright, Heads up
- Self-employed actor, singer/dancer and singing teach
- Self-employed Performing Arts Teacher, Tidal Arts Ltd
- Theatre Worker, M&M

What other career options are there?

Many employers seek graduates with a good degree (usually a 2.2 or higher), and over 80% of employers don't have a preference for the subject studied. These other areas you could also consider. Some of these will involve further study or training:

- Accountancy
- Administration
- Advertising
- Banking
- Charity and voluntary work
- Civil Service
- Events management
- Finance
- Hospitality
- HR
- Insurance
- Law
- Local government
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Recruitment
- Sales and retail
- Tourism

For more information about different sectors and job roles, including career-planning tools, the following websites are helpful:

[Prospects](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

[Targetjobs](#)

[Allaboutcareers](#)

What help is available from the University of Cumbria?

The Careers and Employability Service can support you with your career planning throughout your time at university, and for up to three years after you graduate. During this time, you can access our career hub, [My Career Enriched](#), which enables you to:

- search for graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, placements and paid internships
- book one-to-one advice and guidance appointments
- book a practice interview
- book onto employability events
- access the CV/application review service

We also offer practical workshops on a range of employability topics, as well as advice and information about further study.

Students with a disability or health condition can request information and advice on finding disability confident employers, how to declare a disability, applying for work, and requesting adjustments in the recruitment process. Access our range of careers information and resources on My.Cumbria.ac.uk

Other useful sources of advice:

- [Arts Hub](#)
- [Arts Jobs](#)
- [Equity](#)
- [Creative Skillset](#)
- [Grapevine jobs](#)
- [Hiive](#)
- [The Stage](#)
- [Creative and Cultural Skills](#)
- [Creative Access](#)
- [Mandy](#)
- [Media and entertainment union](#)
- [Stage Management Association](#)
- [Targetpostgrad](#)
- [FindAMasters](#)

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