

Options with a degree in Performing Arts

Including BA (Hons) Acting, BA (Hons) Dance, BA (Hons) Musical Theatre, BA (Hons) Performing Arts

What skills will you develop?

Performing Arts 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 a Performing Arts 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
- Choreographer
- Dancer
- Dance teacher
- Drama therapist
- Entertainer
- Entertainment agent
- Entertainments manager
- Further education teacher
- Higher education lecturer
- Music promotions manager
- Music therapist
- Musician
- Personal trainer
- Pilates teacher
- Primary school teacher
- Radio broadcast assistant
- Screenwriter
- Secondary school teacher
- Singing teacher
- Social media manager
- Stage manager
- Stagehand
- Stunt performer
- Theatre director
- Theatre stage manager
- TV or film director
- Vocalist

What have recent Performing Arts 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
- Singer/Entertainer, Vanessa Booth
- Self-employed Performing Arts Teacher, Tidal Arts Ltd
- Freelance Director and Playwright, Heads up
- Dance Teacher, Diva Dance
- Entertainments Manager, Carnival UK
- Theatre Worker, M&M
- Self-employed actor, singer/dancer and singing teacher
- Mental Health Student Nurse, NHS/Elysium Healthcare

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:

- Administration
- Management
- Civil Service
- Local government
- Law
- HR
- Recruitment
- Banking
- Accountancy
- Finance
- Insurance
- Hospitality
- Events management
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Sales and retail
- Advertising
- Charity and voluntary work
- 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
- 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](#)
- [Council for Dance Education and Training](#)
- [Creative Skillset](#)
- [Grapevine jobs](#)
- [Hiive](#)
- [The Stage](#)
- [Creative and Cultural Skills](#)
- [Creative Access](#)
- [Mandy](#)
- [Media and entertainment union](#)
- [Stage Management Association](#)
- [Musicians union](#)
- [One Dance UK](#)
- [Targetpostgrad](#)
- [FindAMasters](#)

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