

# THEATRE EDUCATION (MEd)

## Program Overview

The Department of Theatre is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). The Master of Education in Theatre Education program is designed to provide teachers of theatre with in-depth training in the art of theatre. The program is designed as a three-summer program.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

## Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the MEd in Theatre, the candidate may teach or continue to teach at K-12 schools or continue their education with a PhD or MFA in Theatre. Candidates may also work toward theatre certification while working on their MEd.

## Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Area 1: Content Concentration</b>		
THEA 6106	Introduction to Graduate Research	2
THEA 6108	Trends and Strategies in Theatre Education	3
THEA 5283G	Advanced Directing	3
Choose one of the following (can also be used in Area 3):		
THEA 6107	Graduate History & Literature of the Theatre	3
THEA 6178	Theatre History/Literature 4: Contemporary Topics in Theatre History	3
Area 1 Total		11
<b>Area 2: Education Core</b>		
Choose 3 of the following:		
EDUF 6115	Educational Psychology: Achievement for Diverse Learners	3
EDUF 6116	Educational Research Methods	3
EDCI 6159	Integrating Multicultural/Global Studies Throughout the Curriculum	3
EDSE 6115	Trends in Adolescent Literature	3
EDMG 6155	Psychology of the Early Adolescent Learner	3
EDUT 6206	Introduction to Instructional Technology	3
Or one Advisor approved graduate education course.		
Area 2 Total		9
<b>Area 3: Electives</b>		
Select 8 credit hours from the following if you are choosing the Thesis option in Area 4. Select 12 hours from the following if you are choosing the Exit Exam option in Area 4.		8-12
THEA 6267	Topics in Design	3
THEA 5108G	Puppetry	3
THEA 5245G	Advanced Acting	3
THEA 5179G	Musical Theatre History	3
THEA 6105	Advanced Children's Theatre	3
THEA 5205G	Advanced Creative Dramatics	3
THEA 6107	Graduate History & Literature of the Theatre	3
THEA 5305G	Summer Theatre Production	3
THEA 5306G	Summer Theatre Performance	3

THEA 6895	Graduate Independent Study	3
THEA 5575G	Selected Topics in Theatre Arts	3
Area 3 Total		8-12
<b>Area 4: Thesis or Exit Exam</b>		
THEA 6999	Thesis (Taken twice at 2 credits each)	4
THEA 6000	Exit Exam	0
Area 4 Total		4
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		
Total Credit Hours		32

## Admission Requirements

Apply and get accepted into CSU as a Graduate student. Use the online application found on the CSU website under Graduate Program. General Requirements:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. (If your undergraduate degree is not in theatre, you may have to take additional courses to supplement your theatre study.)
- Application plus \$40 application fee
- Certificate of Immunization (PDF online)
- Official transcript from each college and university attended
- Test scores from the GRE, GMAT, MAT or other standardized test as required by the individual degree program. (The GRE is not required for the MEd in Theatre if your undergraduate degree GPA is a 2.75 or above)
- Verification and proof of Lawful presence

Send the following to the Theatre Department:

- Cover letter/letter of intent
- Statement of Philosophy of Teaching of Theatre
- Resume or vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Copies of transcripts

Send to:

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Columbus, GA 31907

Or email to: [may\\_brenda@columbusstate.edu](mailto:may_brenda@columbusstate.edu)

## Additional Program Requirements

This Degree is subject to the following requirements:

- The program is an on-site three summer program, but it is possible to take some education courses online.
- Students must earn a 3.0 GPA calculated on all graduate work attempted. "Academic Forgiveness" policy does not apply to graduate studies.
- Students cannot graduate with a grade of "C" or below in more than two (2) graduate courses (may be appealed to the College of Education Graduate Council).
- A minimum of 27 hours of the hours required for the degree must be earned in residence (75%). Asynchronous (online) and distance learning courses administered through Columbus State University constitute courses taken in residence.

- A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of transfer credit or courses taken at CSU prior to full admission to a master degree program may be applied toward the degree. Courses with earned grades of "C" or below cannot be transferred. The student's advisor and the coordinator of the program in which the student is enrolled must approve any courses transferred.
- All degree requirements must be completed within seven (7) years of first enrollment.