



# **Technical Theatre (NY)**

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# **General Assessment Information**

## **Blueprint Contents**

General Assessment Information Written Assessment Information Specific Competencies Covered in the Test Sample Written Items Performance Assessment Information

**Test Type:** The Technical Theater assessment was developed based on standards used in the state of New York and contains a multiple-choice and performance component. This assessment is meant to measure technical skills at the occupational level and includes items which gauge factual and theoretical knowledge.

**Revision Team:** The assessment content is based on input from secondary, post-secondary, and business/industry representatives from the state of New York.



50.0502 - Technical Theatre/Theatre Design and Technology







27-1029.00 - Designers, All Other



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NATIONAL COLLEGE CREDIT RECOMMENDATION SERVICE University of the State of New York - Regents Research Fund In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Technical Theater

# Written Assessment

Written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual's factual theoretical knowledge.

#### Administration Time: 3 hours Number of Questions: 229

**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.



Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

# **Understanding Technical Theater**

- Perform the duties associated with broad content areas in technical theater
- Demonstrate knowledge of the sequence of stage production
- Understand and apply the basic mathematical concepts that apply to technical theater duties
- Understand and observe all safety procedures required in technical theater

# Costuming/Make-up and Hair

- Perform basic hand and machine stitching
- Take measurements and perform fittings
- · Label costumes, accessories and shoes
- Organize accessory bags and wardrobe racks
- Set-up and organize a quick change booth
- Apply/create a character makeup design for three to five actors for a performance
- Use basic make-up techniques in performance
- Identify and use costume and make-up resources including shops and suppliers
- Create a list of the range of fabric and appropriate applications or use for costume construction
- Perform basic costume maintenance including laundry and repairs
- Prepare a wardrobe plot for each character in a script
- List the basic hair and wig requirements for a show from an examination of the script
- · Create and use budgets for costume, make-up, and hair expenditures

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# Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

# **Scenic and Prop Construction**

- Identify the common components of scenery construction
- Build standard scenery including platform, bracing, flat, and rails
- Measure and work in scale from a ground plan or working drawing
- Read construction plans (e.g., elevations and ground plans)
- Create technical drawings
- Create a cut list for scenic construction
- · Lay out the set placement on stage
- Spike scenic units in the performance space
- Use bearing loads in platform construction
- Scenic painting materials, methods, and processes
- Use basic shop math for measuring
- Follow and enforce all safety procedures required in carpentry work
- Create and use scenic budgets
- Use basic theater rigging techniques and rigging theory

## **Electrics**

- Identify the basic types and components of lighting instruments
- Hang and focus lighting equipment
- Change lamps and gels in standard lighting equipment
- · Circuit and patch lighting equipment
- Read lighting plots and lighting paperwork
- Use lighting equipment templates to draw lighting symbols on a hang plot
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic color temperature and color theory
- · Identify electrics rigging and lighting positions in the theater
- Operate/program/maintain lighting equipment including spotlights, light boards, etc.
- Use math and basic electrical formulas for stage electricians
- Follow and enforce all safety procedures required in electrics work
- Create and use electrics budgets

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# Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

#### **Properties**

- Create properties paperwork and running sheets from an existing script
- Lay out and label a prop table
- Construct and repair basic props using a variety of materials and skills
- Identify techniques for constructing props including paper mache, foam, and other materials
- Demonstrate knowledge of prop safety construction and use
- Create and use properties budget

# **Running Crews**

- Follow cues from headset and cue lights
- Read cue sheets and run show accordingly
- Understand and use rigging systems and operations
- Discuss and outline the roles of various crew positions
- Strike organization and recycling
- Outline in discussion or writing the procedures for deck safety
- Walk the stage area to trouble shoot for safety issues

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# Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

## **Stage Management**

- Create a timeline and flow chart to demonstrate the rehearsal and production processes
- Create a prompt book to be used in the production of a theater event
- Create call sheets and scene breakdown paperwork to be used in the production of a theater event
- Direct the various crews in running rehearsals and performances
- Create prop running paperwork in conjunction with the prop crew
- Generate rehearsal and show reports
- Demonstrate knowledge of communication methods for serving as the liaison
- Generate rehearsal schedules in conjunction with the director
- Create and stock a basic stage management kit
- Tape out a rehearsal room by reading drawings and ground plans
- Supervise the deck crew in glow taping stage set and set-up of safety lights
- Organize and run an audition
- Run a dry technical rehearsal
- Create and use production budgets

## Sound

- Analyze script to create a cue list for sound
- Identify common sound equipment and components
- Microphone technique and positioning
- Assemble sound system to enhance appropriate sound mix and balance
- Use and edit sound software
- Comply with sound safety issues
- Calculate sound budget
- Perform signal math using sound theory

# Sample Questions

# Which of the following stage configurations has an audience on three sides?

- A. thrust
- B. proscenium
- C. in the round
- D. amphitheater

## Where is the proper place to measure the size of head?

- A. right above the eyebrows
- B. around the head just above the ears
- C. around the head over the ears
- D. from the hairline on the forehead to the nape of the neck

## Stairs that run from the stage into the wings are called

- A. escape stairs
- B. fire stairs
- C. grand staircases
- D. blank stairs

## Gel colors are usually described as

- A. hot or cold
- B. tint or shade
- C. warm or cool
- D. soft or loud

## Stage safety suggests that hard hats are to be worn by the

- A. audio crew
- B. stage managers
- C. rigging crew
- D. running crew

# Performance Assessment

Performance assessments allow individuals to demonstrate their acquired skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment related to the technical area.

**Assessment format:** Each content area is considered a separate performance assessment and must be ordered individually. Schools can choose to administer one or multiple content areas.

#### **Costume Performance Assessment**

Administration Time: 3 hours Number of Jobs: 1 Job Description: Pattern and sew an apron

## **Make-Up and Hair Performance Assessment**

Administration Time: 2 hours Number of Jobs: 1 Job Description: Make-up and air for a period styling

## **Construction Performance Assessment**

Administration Time: 2 hours Number of Jobs: 1 Job Description: Construct a 2'x4' fabric covered theatrical style flat

#### **Electrics Performance Assessment**

Administration Time: 2 hours Number of Jobs: 1 Job Description: Setup, hang, cable and focus three unit light plot

#### Sound Performance Assessment

Administration Time: 2 hours Number of Jobs: 1 Job Description: Setup sound system

## **Stage Management Performance Assessment**

Number of Jobs: 2 Job One Description: Tape out a ground plan Administration Time: 1 hour Job Two Description: Create a Mini-prompt book with blocking and cue annotation Administration Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes