

HNC Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

In Partnership with Actual Size Theatre and Empath Action CIC.



Course Overview

This is a two-year full-time programme at Levels 4 and 5. In year one you will complete a Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) at Level 4.

On completion of your Higher National Certificate, you will complete a Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) at Level 5.

The course is designed to give those who wish to pursue a career in Musical Theatre the best possible start.

Skill development in singing, dance, acting & musicality is at the core of everything you will do. In addition, you will also learn to become a 'thinking and analytical' performer with a breadth of knowledge relating to both the performing arts industry and related contextual studies. You will see the latest productions, perform in shows and work alongside industry professionals in order to gain a perspective of industry practice and to keep abreast of what's happening in your particular field of study.

Professional development, industry standard training and academic study are at the core of this course, whether you wish to become a performer, a community arts practitioner, a teacher, or a combination of all three. Close links with local organisations, working West End professionals, a range of theatre visits and an annual residential trip are among the highlights of this exciting and dynamic course.

Beyond gaining the relevant skills to become a professional musical theatre performer, you will also gain valuable further experience in collaboration, communication and creativity.

Course hours typically stand at 15 hrs contact per week of lectures, rehearsals, workshops and self-directed study. This can increase during performance weeks and will require evening work and on occasion, weekends.

In addition to the course contact hours, students will need to undertake at least 10 hrs per week directed & self-directed study/ practice.

What You Will Study

Topics of study may cover the following:

- Acting
- Singing
- Musical Theatre Historical Context

START DATE	LEVEL
September 2026	Level 4
STUDY MODE	DURATION
Full-time	1 year

AWARDING BODY	LOCATION
Pearson BTEC	Wakefield College



For further information about this course, including Entry Requirements, Assessments and Further Study, scan the QR code.

Need More Information?

For additional course information please contact the Course Information Team on **01924 789111** or email courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

To learn more about Wakefield College, our facilities and how we can support you please visit our website www.heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

Quick Links



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- Vocal Repertoire
- Performing Arts Industry
- Jazz Dance
- Professional Development Commercial Dance

Course content may change depending on industry trends and needs.

How You Will Be Assessed

The College assesses you through the coursework that you produce as you complete each unit, this may include finished pieces of work, written work, your research, and a reflective journal which allows you to evaluate your learning and highlight your strengths and areas for further development. The majority of units have some form of performance-based assessment attached that focus on a range of performance skills and genres.

You will be graded using the Pearson guidelines and specifications to assess whether the evidence produced for assignments has reached the required standard at pass, merit or distinction level.

Entry Requirements

Minimum 64 UCAS tariff points from A Levels.

OR

Level 3 Diploma in a related subject.

OR

Completion of an Access course.

AND

GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language (or equivalent qualification) is required.

Those with previous experience or learning that is relevant may be eligible via our Accredited Prior Learning (APL) process for accreditation towards this course.

All applicants are required to audition consisting of an interview, a solo song from a Musical performed to a backing track, and assessment of dance ability via a short class and taught dance sequences.

Fee Information

£7,400.

Further Study

Progression to HND Performing Arts (Musical Theatre), which can be studied at Wakefield College.