



## PROSPECTIVE THEATRE DIPLOMA STUDENTS

### OPEN STUDIES PREP

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This Academic Planning Guide highlights only major points regarding admission and transfer. Students are advised to read the university and RDC calendars, and the Alberta Transfer Guide for other necessary information. Some of the courses listed in this guide have prerequisites. Please refer to the Course Descriptions section of the RDC calendar for further information.

The Theatre program at RDC offers two streams: *Theatre Performance and Creation* and *Theatre and Entertainment Production*. Each has differing admission requirements and career goals. Both streams have components of class theory, studio training and practical work (practicum). Practicum placements are assigned to students so that they can integrate their acting or technical skills in the production of a season of live theatre.

### RELATED CAREERS

Arts and culture are growth industries in North America. There are increased career opportunities in theatre, film, television and the cultural industry in general. The study of theatre provides a strong base for any further career or study aspirations.

### TRANSFER FEATURES

The Theatre program at RDC has over 20 years of experience in transferring students to university study and to theatre training schools in North America. Please contact institutions directly in regards to transfer credit.

Graduates of both streams are eligible to apply (and complete an interview/audition) for the 3rd year of the Applied Degree in Motion Picture Arts at RDC.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Theatre program at RDC requires that students meet the academic requirements for the program (please see the current RDC Calendar on-line at [www.rdc.ab.ca](http://www.rdc.ab.ca)) as well as the following:

#### **For Theatre Performance and Creation:**

To be accepted to this stream (in addition to the academic requirements) you need to:

1. Submit a letter of intent
2. Submit a reference letter
3. Have a successful audition

Further guidelines regarding audition expectations and criteria for letter of intent and reference letter are available at [www.rdc.ab.ca/about\\_rdc/academic\\_departments/performing\\_arts/](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/about_rdc/academic_departments/performing_arts/)

#### **For Theatre and Entertainment Production:**

To be accepted to this stream (in addition to the academic requirements) you need to:

1. Submit a portfolio
2. Submit 2 letters of reference
3. Have a successful interview.

Further guidelines regarding interview expectations and portfolio guidelines are available at [www.rdc.ab.ca/about\\_rdc/academic\\_departments/performing\\_arts/](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/about_rdc/academic_departments/performing_arts/)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you do not gain admission to the Theatre program you can gain exposure to drama courses in an alternate program (e.g. Open Studies, Bachelor of Arts, etc.). Many of these courses **do not** transfer for credit into the Theatre programs but will help prepare you for the next intake audition and/or interview process. **Admission to the program is not guaranteed to students who complete the recommended preparatory courses.**

The department highly recommends that students looking to gain exposure to drama, and ready themselves for the next intake and audition and/or interview, choose the recommended courses highlighted below.

## THEATRE PERFORMANCE AND CREATION

FALL TERM	WINTER TERM
DRAM 202	DRAM 201
DRAM 249*	DRAM 353(pre-requisite: DRAM 249)
ENGL 219*	Approved option**

\*Can be taken either Fall or Winter term

\*\*Option can be any 3 credit (university transferable recommended) course that enhances program goal

## THEATRE AND ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION

FALL TERM	WINTER TERM
DRAM 202	DRAM 201
ENGL 219	ART 231

Other suggested courses for production students include: fine arts (painting, music), business, computers or any course(s) that will enhance the program goal. Production students may also follow the performance recommended schedule.

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