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Randolph College for the Performing Arts

Toronto, Ontario

Overview

Ways to Study

Randolph College is a private career college which offers a triple-threat program in musical theatre training, compressing 6 semesters - the equivalent of three academic years - into 24 months of intensive study. Located in Toronto, it has a variety of relationships with other institutions for those who want to pursue further study at the end of the program.



Life on Campus

Randolph College is located in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood, with close access to a variety of entertainment venues and amenities including restaurants and a fitness centre. Toronto is a vibrant cultural centre, and students can enjoy one of the largest theatre scenes in the world. The third-largest film and television production city in North America, it is also home to offices of many industry organizations, as well as numerous other performing arts organizations. Housing is competitive in Toronto, and the Student Recruitment Officer can assist in researching housing options.



Programs

Randolph College offers a strong practical training curriculum that provides top-calibre training in musical theatre and has pathways to both <u>undergraduate</u> and <u>graduate degree</u> programs.

Performing Arts College Diploma Program

Their <u>curriculum</u> is divided into three academic 'years' of two semesters, offered over 24 months. Students take courses in the Acting, Vocal, and Dance Divisions, incorporating theory, workshops, projects and performance throughout. **Acting** courses include scene studies, film and television acting, and improvisation classes, as well as courses on voice and text and movement. **Vocal** courses include musical theatre-specific training and singing lessons, as well as chorale and fundamental musicianship courses. **Dance** training includes ballet, jazz and tap courses. Students work on productions and presentations of musical theatre, develop new works in the musical theatre lab and study Shakespeare and other plays.

Undergraduate Pathways

Wilfrid Laurier University

Graduates can enrol in the 4-year Honours Bachelor of Music in <u>Self-Directed Studies</u> at Wilfrid Laurier University. They enter into the third year of the programs, pending the maintenance of a 75% average at Randolph and passing an audition.

Additionally, students who enrol at Wilfrid Laurier University and are accepted into the Voice Performance program may complete both the Honours Bachelor of Music program and Randolph's <u>diploma program in 5 years</u>. They attend Laurier for years 1-3, and then move into the Randolph program. *Wilfrid Laurier University is currently updating its program for incoming students. See our <u>guide</u> and their website for more information on auditions and programs.*

Yorkville University

Graduates can enrol in Yorkville University's online Bachelor of Creative Arts degree, completing it in 15 months. This degree program provides training in creative leadership and business skills, preparing students to plan creative projects, acquire funding and get them made.

Graduate Pathways

Graduates may audition to be accepted into a one-year Masters program at the Guildford School Acting in the University of Surrey, in the United Kingdom. Graduates

are able to audition for their Masters in Acting, Stage and Production Management, or Musical Theatre Performance programs, as well as their online part-time MA in Theatre..

Admissions Requirements

Application Package

Students must fill out an <u>application form</u> to apply to the program. They require an OSSD diploma or equivalent, incorporating Grade 12 U or C English with a grade of at least 65%. Students must submit a headshot, a resume and a letter of recommendation stating why they would be successful in the program. Additionally, they must audition. There is an application fee of **\$75.**

Audition Requirements

The <u>audition</u> to Randolph College incorporates acting, singing, and dancing. Students submit a video audition, or may audition in-person. They must:

- Prepare one-minute monologue from a published contemporary (1960-present) play (not a musical).
- Perform 2 contrasting songs from memory (maximum 2 minutes and 30 seconds each), the first of which must be musical theatre. The second song should "thrill you and capture who you are," and can be from any style or era.
- Prepare one technique exercise in dance and a one-minute choreographed piece. These are provided by the school for applicants to prepare from a video.
 There are two versions of each component, one for dancers with 0-5 years of training and one for those with 6 or more.*
- **In-person** auditions have identical requirements, except instead of a dance video you will participate in a guided beginner jazz dance class.

Other Requirements

After submitting their application package, students will be asked to write a 200-word personal statement. Once this and their video audition is received, they will be contacted to set-up a Zoom interview with a member of their audition panel. Those who audition in-person will have their interview on the same day, in-person.



Sheridan College

Oakville, Ontario

Overview

Ways to Study

Through the <u>Faculty of Animation</u>, <u>Arts & Design</u>, Sheridan offers a program in <u>musical theatre</u> to undergraduate students, featuring performance and skill-developing opportunities throughout their "triple-threat" degree.



Life on Campus

Sheridan's <u>Trafalgar Road Campus</u> is in Oakville, with plenty of nearby greenspace and short transit to the lakeshore. The campus is home to the <u>Athletic Centre</u>, the <u>Sheridan Gallery</u> and a variety of <u>dining options</u> including <u>The Marquee</u>.

Sheridan students can get involved on campus through the <u>Student's Union</u>. The union provides <u>support services</u> for students, as well as managing <u>clubs</u> which engage a variety of student interests. They also host social and student success events, and you can check out their <u>Instagram</u> for more info! Students can also participate in <u>recreational</u> and <u>club sports</u>, and get fitness support through <u>Athletics</u> and <u>Recreation</u>.



Programs

Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance (BAMT)

This <u>4-year degree program</u> is designed to prepare students with the skill to build a career as a performer in music theatre. This "triple threat" program teaches skills in acting, singing and dancing, and students receive regular performance opportunities. Students learn about scriptwriting and the history of music theatre, building a breadth of knowledge to support their performing. They develop business and entrepreneurial skills, and participate in a summer internship in the field.

Admissions Requirements

Course Requirements: Bachelor of Music Theatre

<u>Students are required</u> to complete an OSSD or equivalent, containing ENG4U, and additional 5 subjects at the Grade 12 U or M level. A minimum 65% overall average is required. Students transferring from or who have completed other postsecondary programs must also have maintained a minimum 65% overall average over two semesters.

Audition Requirements

Audition requirements are detailed in this <u>sample document</u>. Auditions are held live, either online or in-person. These involve the performance of a one-minute monologue from a play written after 1940 (after 2000 is preferred) and a musical theatre song between 1:30 and 2 minutes in length. Live accompaniment will be provided for in-person auditions; live or pre-recorded accompaniment is acceptable for online. The audition panel will request a redirect, for either the song or monologue, encouraging a different interpretation of an excerpt of your selection. Students will be taught a dance combination in groups and asked to present it, and to explore an excerpt of their song or monologue with provided alternative direction. Students also perform a selection they choose personal choice, which can range from a contrasting song or monologue to performing puppetry, lasting between 1 minute and 1:30.



St. Clair College

Windsor, Ontario

Overview

Ways to Study

<u>St. Clair College</u> offers a Music Theatre program at its Windsor campus, through its <u>School of Community Studies</u>. This program incorporates acting, singing, dance and other theatre skill development with theoretical and business study. All information stated here is available via the <u>program page</u>.



Life on Campus

St. Clair College's Windsor Campus is home to a variety of amenities and involvement opportunities. The <u>Student Representative Council</u> hosts a variety of <u>events</u>, runs <u>spaces</u> which provide students equipment and supports and manages a variety of <u>dining options</u>. The <u>Saints Student Athletic Association</u> organizes <u>intramurals</u> and <u>aquatic</u> activities, often hosted through <u>SportsPlex</u>. Students can try out for the <u>St. Clair Saints esports team</u> and access amenities including the <u>Zekelman Tennis</u> <u>Centre</u> and the <u>Woodland Hills Golf Course</u>.



Programs

Ontario College Advanced Diploma: Music Theatre Performance

In this 3-year <u>program</u>, students interested in becoming music theatre performers develop their practical skills through hands-on learning. Students take courses on different styles of dance, develop their vocal technique and study acting in various styles and for a variety of settings (stage, film, etc.). Additionally, students perform in productions at the school, develop audition skills relevant to the industry and learn about how to approach working in the industry. Large productions are presented in the 1200-seat Chrysler Theatre.

Admissions Requirements

Course requirements

Admission to the programs requires an OSSD, including a Grade 12 English. It is recommended students also have a Grade 11 or 12 Dance, Dramatic Art or Music course.

Audition Requirements

Students are required to act, sing and dance in their prerecorded video or in-person audition. Applicants must present a one to two minute monologue, from memory, taken from a contemporary or modern play. They then should perform two contrasting songs from the musical theatre repertoire, one ballad and one up tempo. It is recommended a verse & chorus from each is enough, and backing tracks are acceptable in terms of accompaniment. Finally, perform a short dance piece, no longer than sixteen bars and to music of your own choosing, that illustrates how you move. It is recommended you send your audition along as YouTube links, with one video for each piece. More advice is available on their <u>program page</u>, under "Admissions."

Additional Materials and Interview

Students are also required to submit a headshot (preferably 8"x10") and resume alongside their video audition. After the school has reviewed your audition and materials, they will arrange a short telephone interview to discuss your audition, musical and performance background, your career goals and answer any questions you have about the program.



Thank you for reading this guide! Check out our <u>other guides</u> for more information on post-secondary programs and schools!

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