

PERFORMING ARTS

PRODUCERS are the leaders of production teams and are involved with all the aspects of film and television production. They are creative persons who use the technical facilities available to produce the best possible visual and sound effects. Producers also decide on such detail as décor, lighting and music.

Production secretaries are responsible for all secretarial work during productions. They type items such as forms, scripts, schedules, letters and contracts. They are also responsible for continuity in productions and work closely with the producers.

Cameramen are responsible for the filming of productions. They make use of specialized equipment such as video cameras, sound equipment and lighting equipment, when shooting the various scenes. Cameramen film each scene until the director is satisfied. They also work on outside broadcast units relaying sports, news and other events.

Costume designers do proper research into the smallest detail of the costumes that are going to be used.

Décor construction artists put the scenic designers' ideas into practice. This entails specialized construction using various materials to produce lifelike sets.

Once a film has been produced, prints are made and passed on to film editors together with the sound tracks. It is their responsibility to edit films into logical units.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Science, Mathematics, Computer Studies, Art, Music and Drama.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Most of the careers are very technical and involve the use of complicated electronic equipment. It is therefore very important to have a technical aptitude. You should also be able to get on well with people, since these jobs involve close teamwork.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

The entrance requirements to follow a BA: Communication degree, candidates need to have a Senior Certificate with matric exemption. The entrance requirements for the NDip: Motion Picture Production (Directing) is a Senior Certificate, or an equivalent qualification.

TRAINING

UNIVERSITY

BA: Communication

BA: Drama

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

NDip: Performing Arts

NDip: Theatre Technology (Crafts, Stage Crafts)

BTech: Multimedia

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You can work as a film and video producer, script writer and director. You can also do camera work, lighting, sound and editing. Various job opportunities exist at private film companies, the SABC and video manufacturers. People with the necessary experience can do work on a freelance or contract basis.

The National Diploma: Performing Arts Technology trains stage technicians, designers and scenic service personnel for careers in theatre, television, film, broadcasting, live concerts and the entertainment industry in general.



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