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☐ New Degree Proposal	☐ Change in Prerequisite, Corequisite, and/or Pre/Co-requisite
☐ New Course	☐ Change in Course Designation
☐ New 82 Course (Pilot Course)	☐ Change in Course Description
☐ Deletion of Course(s)	☐ Change in Course Title, Number, Credits and/or Hours
	☐ Change in Academic Policy
	☐ Pathways Submission:
	☐ Life and Physical Science
	☐ Math and Quantitative Reasoning
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	B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity
	C. Creative Expression
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TO: Fall 2025 Curriculum Committee

FROM: Professor Scott Cally, Chairperson

Professor Ryan McKinney, Director of Theatre Arts Program

Department of Communications & Performing Arts

DATE: 1 September 2025

RE: Change in A.S. Theatre Arts Program

The Department of Communications & Performing Arts is proposing a change to the A.S. Theatre Arts Degree Program.

Rationale for Change:

The proposed restructuring of the Associate in Science in Theatre Arts program to discontinue the Performance concentration in favor of two separate concentrations—Musical Theatre and Acting, while further focusing the course of study in Technical Production—is pedagogically sound and aligned with both academic best practices and the professional ecosystem of New York City. This redesign uniquely positions our institution as the only public program within the City University of New York (CUNY) system, at all levels—from associate to graduate—to offer Musical Theatre training, filling a critical curricular and programmatic gap in a city that is the global epicenter of commercial musical theatre.

Such specialization mirrors effective models at community colleges nationwide. For instance, Montgomery County Community College (PA) and Mesa Community (AZ) College offer Associate of Arts degrees with emphases in Musical Theatre, integrating training in acting, singing, and dance. The Mesa program expressly prepares students to meet audition criteria for Bachelor of Musical Theatre programs at four-year institutions. Similarly, Mount Wachusett Community College's (MA) Theatre Arts program includes musical theatre dance styles, acting, and technical theatre training designed to support seamless transfer to theater or music baccalaureate degrees. These models affirm that distinct concentrations not only sharpen student focus but also improve transferability and workforce readiness.

New York City's robust theatre infrastructure—including Broadway, Off-Broadway, Off-Off-Broadway, national tours, and related media production—demands performers trained as "triple threats," combining voice, movement, and acting. A unique CUNY Musical Theatre concentration directly prepares students to enter this workforce. Acting-focused students, meanwhile, will benefit from dedicated dramatic training without the added burden of musical



performance components, which may not align with their goals or strengths. Both tracks align with Associate of Theatre in Higher Education's (ATHE) recognition that theater programs should be responsive to local labor markets and professional standards, allowing students to cultivate relevant professional competencies and clear transfer trajectories.

Moreover, CUNY's absence of public-sector Musical Theatre offerings discourages access to the profession for underserved and economically disadvantaged students. Introducing this concentration at the associate level creates equitable pathways into an elite and competitive field while strengthening local arts communities. The Acting concentration certifies dramatic training in a more flexible frame, appealing to students aiming for dramatic or screen work.

In summary, this curricular revision advances critical academic objectives: it establishes Kingsborough as the sole provider of Musical Theatre training throughout CUNY, positions us competitively with peer community college programs, enhances student readiness for both transfer and the professional musical theatre workforce, and aligns with ATHE's principles for responsive theater pedagogy. This change is a strategic investment in student futures and ensures that our program reflects both the local cultural ecosystem and proven academic pathways in theater arts education.

CURRENT

HEGIS code: 5610.00

	Program Code: 76003	
	CUNY CORE	CREDITS
	REQUIRED CORE: (4 Courses, 12 Credits): When Required Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major.	12
	ENG 1200 - Composition I	3
	ENG 2400 - Composition II	3
	± Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning	3
	± Life and Physical Sciences	3
	FLEXIBLE CORE: (6 Courses, 18 Credits): When Flexible Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major. One (1) course from each Group A to E and one (1) additional course from any group. No more than two courses can be selected from the discipline.	18
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	THA 6800 - History of Theatre: From Sophocles to Shakespeare	
	B. U.S. Experience In Its Diversity	
	C. Creative Expression	
DELETE	THA 5000 - Introduction to Theatre Arts	
	——— THA 5100 - Play Analysis	
	D. Individual & Society	
	± E. Scientific World	
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	THA 5100 - Play Analysis	3
	THA 5200 - Acting I: Fundamentals of Acting	3
	THA 6800 - History of Theatre: From Sophocles to Shakespeare	3
	THA 5500 - Introduction to Technical Theatre	3
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DELETE	Select two(2) from the following courses:	
DELETE	THA 4400 - Voice and Diction for the Actor or	3
DELETE	THA 4600 - Training the Performing Voice or	3
DELETE	THA 5300 - Acting II: Scene Study or	3
DELETE	THA 5800 - Musical Theatre Performance	3
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ADD	THA 4600 - Musical Theatre Vocal Skills and	3
ADD	THA 5300 - Acting II: Scene Study and	3
ADD	THA 5800 - Musical Theatre Performance and	3
ADD	THA 6700 - History of Musical Theatre in the United States	3
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	THA 5600 – Fundamentals of Theatrical Lighting or	3
	THA 6000 – Introduction to Costuming and Make-Up or	3
	THA 6300 – Basic Sound Technology or	3
	THA 6500 – Scenic Design	3
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ADD	THA 81XX – Independent Study	1-3
ADD	THA 82XX – Topical/Pilot Course	1-3
ADD	PEC 2000 – Beginners Ballet	1
ADD	PEC 3800 – Modern Dance Techniques	1
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ADD	Select six (6) credits and at least two (2) courses from the following:	6
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ADD	THA 4101 - Production Practicum Series*	1
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ADD	THA 4600 – Musical Theatre Vocal Skills	3
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	ELECTIVES: 0 – 6 credits sufficient to total 60 credits for the degree.	

TOTAL CREDITS: 60

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PROPOSED

Add/Delete/ Change A.S. THEATRE ARTS

HEGIS code: 5610.00 Program Code: 76003

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THA 5100 - Play Analysis	3
THA 5200 - Acting I: Fundamentals of Acting	3

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Select **one** (1) of the following concentration

THA 5500 - Introduction to Technical Theatre

THA 6800 - History of Theatre: From Sophocles to Shakespeare

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THA 5300 - Acting II: Scene Study and	3
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THA 4600 – Musical Theatre Vocal Skills	3
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TO: Fall 2025 Curriculum Committee

FROM: Scott Cally, Chair

Professor Ryan McKinney, Director of Theatre Arts Program

Department of Communications & Performing Arts

DATE: 5 September 2025

RE: Concentration Learning Outcomes

The Theatre Arts Program is proposing the following Concentration Learning Outcomes.

Upon successful completion of Concentration requirements, graduates will:

Acting Concentration

identify and apply the central principles of acting methodologies through the creation of believable characters, employing vocal and physical techniques, and integrating textual analysis to convey truthful, compelling performances across a range of dramatic genres and styles (**Acting Theory & Technique**).

Technical Production Concentration

identify and apply principles of design, technology, and stagecraft to create safe, effective, and aesthetically cohesive technical elements—including scenery, lighting, costumes, sound, and props—that support and enhance live theatrical storytelling (**Principles of Design & Execution**).

Musical Theatre Concentration

critically analyze the history and performance styles of the musical theatre form in order to apply informed acting, vocal, and movement techniques to create integrated performances of musical theatre repertoire (Musical Theatre History & Performance).



Rationale:

The Acting concentration outcome is grounded in the necessity for students to master core performance skills: character creation, vocal and physical technique, and textual analysis. These elements form the foundation of professional acting training and are central to the transferability of the degree. Assessability is ensured through juried performances, scene work, and reflective written assignments. Faculty rubrics measure vocal clarity, physical embodiment, integration of technique, and interpretive depth, providing both observable and documented evidence of learning.

The Technical Production **concentration outcome** reflects the discipline's demand for safe, creative, and effective design and stagecraft practices. Students must demonstrate competence in scenery, lighting, costumes, sound, and props, all of which are critical to live performance. This outcome is assessable through design projects, production crew assignments, and portfolios that showcase drawings, build processes, and realized work. Faculty evaluation emphasizes creativity, accuracy, safety compliance, and technical execution, ensuring clear evidence of applied knowledge.

The Musical Theatre **concentration outcome** emphasizes the integration of historical knowledge with performance skills. Understanding the evolution of the form provides context for informed acting, singing, and movement. Assessment is built into research projects, presentations, and juried performances of repertoire. Rubrics evaluate stylistic accuracy, vocal and physical integration, and the ability to apply historical insight to performance, ensuring that both scholarship and artistry are measurable.