



West Los Angeles College and Hollywood CPR
Motion Picture and Television Production Crafts
Program Information

The **Motion Picture and Television Production Crafts Program** administered in conjunction with Hollywood CPR and West LA College, is a one-of-a-kind, multi-tiered motion picture, television and stagecraft entry-level education training program that covers the entire spectrum of the entertainment industry's career pathways, including crafts often absent from formal learning environments, such as stagecraft, grip, set lighting, set painting, costuming and set dressing, as well as more traditional disciplines such as camera, sound, editing - AVID Certification, and **recently added animation, visual effects, gaming and virtual reality (VR)**. Via face to face and online instruction, qualified students learn these specialized skills from industry professionals who are masters in their trade. Foundational classes focus on the most important and common skills expected of an entry-level worker. The program includes comprehensive life skills coaching and support to promote success in obtaining and maintaining employment along any career pathway. Craft classes function like a real-world production to prepare students for the working conditions they will experience on a film, stage or television show. **A West Los Angeles College Certificate of Achievement will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.**

The program begins with Introduction to Motion Picture and Television Crafts (FLM PRD 100) and is a **required class** if you are interested in taking any of the craft classes. Upon successful completion of the prerequisite FLM PRD 100 (Grade C or better), you then take the Production Skills class and the core classes that pertain to your career pathway, then select one of the CRAFT classes.

The entry-level program typically requires 18 months to 2 years to complete – but can be completed in one year--and includes many components of training designed by IATSE Union (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees) professionals. The craft classes also bring in industry professionals; many are crew members themselves. This gives you the advantage of learning in an apprentice-style approach. Each student follows the same pathway; all production experience is very helpful, however outside work, previous experience, completion of a similar class, does not count – no exceptions.

In order to advance in the program, *students must demonstrate excellent attendance, a positive attitude, a passion and desire to work in their craft, respect for the crew and their place in it, and sufficient mastery of the core entry-level skills needed to prosper in their chosen craft.*

The rigorous nature of the program offers many rewards beyond the unique opportunity to study entertainment industry crafts with seasoned professionals. Participants will learn how to communicate effectively, to be self-starting, organized and proactive, how to cultivate and maintain support networks, to nurture their creativity and careers, and ultimately, how to succeed.

Enrollment may be limited due to health and safety considerations, as well as the constraints of regional planning or legal requirements imposed by statutes, regulations or contracts. Enrollment may also be limited to students meeting prerequisites and co-requisites and established pursuant to Title 5, sections 55200 and Board Rule 8605.

PATHWAYS:

WLAC Certificate of Achievement (COA)	Hollywood CPR Certificate ¹ MUST COMPLETE WLAC COA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY	WLAC Two-Year Liberal Arts Degree*
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Intro Course (3 Units)● Production Skills (3 units)● Craft Class(es) (3-6 units)● Additional Craft Course (3-6 units)● Directed Study (6-9 units)● Portfolio Class (2 units) <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">27+ Units</p> <p>1 – 2 years to complete depending on craft pathway – not all crafts are offered every semester</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● WLAC Certificate of Achievement● Tools or Tech class● Additional directed study & life skills training● Labor Studies Course @ LATTC● Hands-on skill demonstration <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(2~6 months additional upon completion of WLAC Certificate of Achievement)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● WLAC core education requirements <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(2 – 3.5 yrs to complete)</p> <p>*We recommend beginning the Film Production Program in your last year of your AA or Bachelor's Degree</p>

INTERESTED? FIRST STEP: Apply to West Los Angeles College

Go online to www.wlac.edu click the APPLY ONLINE tab and complete the process. (see attachment for details) Within a few days you will receive your STUDENT ID NUMBER. The number will be emailed to you and starts with 900 (new system, no longer 88 numbers). Once you have your student ID number then you can enroll in **Film Production 100** Introduction to Motion Picture and Television Crafts. Log on to www.wlac.edu then click CURRENT STUDENTS at top of page; then click ONLINE CLASSES (CANVAS) LOG-IN on left side of page & follow the process. (See attachment for details)

Film Production 100; Class Number 13650-8 weeks-Sept 1 to Oct 22, 2020 TUE & THUR – 9:00 am – 12:10 pm **OR** Monday 5:50-9:00 class number 13644

NOTE: CLASSES WILL BE TAUGHT REMOTELY i.e. ONLINE

SECOND STEP After you enroll, send an email to filmtvstageproduction@gmail.com with your name, cell phone number and interest.

COSTS: There are community college fees that are required to register for the program² however there is **FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE**. Apply for a **BOG fee waiver AND** apply for financial aid online at www.fafsa.ed.gov -the **WLAC Federal School Code is: 008596**

NOTE: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS if you plan on applying for the Hollywood CPR Certificate and working in the Entertainment Industry (Not required if you are only taking the classes to learn particular skills and/or just receive the West Los Angeles College Film/TV Production Crafts Certificate.) The program prepares you to work, therefore you must: be at least 18 years of age; be a legal resident of Los Angeles County; have valid work required I-9 documents (California Driver's License & Social Security Card or Passport or Permanent Resident Card).

¹ **The Hollywood CPR Certificate** is an additional merit-based distinction above and beyond the West Los Angeles College Film/TV Crafts Certificate of Achievement that signifies a proficiency of entry-level skills to employers and trade unions. West Los Angeles College Certificate of Achievement and/or Hollywood CPR Certificate signify that you have completed courses that introduce you to the entry-level classification skills of a particular craft and can be recognized by the unions and producers of the entertainment industry. The West Los Angeles College Certificate of Achievement and/or Hollywood CPR Certificate do not certify you as an expert in any field. Certification, if required, will be provided by your employer, or affiliate state or federal agency.

² Fees: \$138.00 (\$46 per unit, FLM PRD 100=3 units) **IF A RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY PRIOR TO REGISTERING**. Parking Fee: \$20.00 for semester OR \$2 per day; Health/Misc: \$19.00 Total: \$177 w/ parking OR \$157 w/out parking for first class; \$1,242 for all classes (27 units X \$46 per unit) INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SEE COUNSELOR