



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 and **recently added animation, 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.

**\*\*The next session starts January 2, 2018 OR February 5, 2018\*\***

Upon successful completion of the prerequisite FLM PRD 100 (Grade C or better), you then take the Production Skills class, then select one of the CRAFT classes.

The entry-level program typically requires 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.

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:*

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

**INTERESTED? FIRST STEP: Apply** to West Los Angeles College

Go online to [www.wlac.edu](http://www.wlac.edu) click the APPLY ONLINE tab and complete the process. 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. If you already have a student ID # that begins with 88 log on to



at [www.wlac.edu](http://www.wlac.edu) and follow the process.

**SECOND STEP** After you enroll, send an email to [filmtvstageproduction@gmail.com](mailto:filmtvstageproduction@gmail.com) with your name, cell phone number and interest.

**COSTS:** There are community college fees that are required to register for the program<sup>2</sup> however there is **FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE**. Apply for a **BOG fee waiver AND** apply for financial aid online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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).

<sup>1</sup> **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.

<sup>2</sup> Fees: \$138.00 (\$46 per unit, FLM PRD 100=3 units) **IF A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO REGISTERING**. Parking Fee: \$20.00 for semester OR \$2 per day (**No Fee if FULL TIME STUDENT**) 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