



CAREER PATH

Arts & Communications

CAREER CLUSTER

Arts, Audio-Visual Technology & Communications

CAREER PATHWAY

Performing Arts



ACTOR/ACTRESS

Play parts in stage, television, radio, video, or motion picture productions for entertainment, information, or instruction. Interpret serious or comic role by speech, gesture, and body movement to entertain or inform audience. May dance and sing.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an actor or actress are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Actors	15.6%	22.3%	62.1%
Entertainers, Performers, Sports & Related Workers	21.5%	28.8%	49.6%
Arts, Design, Sports, Entertainment, and Media	15.9%	29.9%	54.2%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Long Term On-The-Job Training
 Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm
 Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$9.81	\$16.59	\$29.57
	Yearly	—	—	—
Missouri	Hourly	—	—	—
	Yearly	—	—	—

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Actors	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	70,000	78,100	+12%	2,260
Missouri	640	630	-2%	10

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Avila University

Kansas City, MO
 (816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO
 (660) 248-3391
www.centralmethodist.edu

College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO
 (417) 334-6411
www.cofo.edu

Crowder College

Neosho, MO
 (417) 451-3223
www.crowder.edu

Culver-Stockton College

Canton, MO
 (573) 288-6000
www.culver.edu

Drury University

Springfield, MO
 (417) 873-7879
www.drury.edu

Evangel University

Springfield, MO
 (417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
 (314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

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Hannibal-Lagrange College
Hannibal, MO
(573) 221-3675
www.hlg.edu

Lindenwood University
Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-4949
www.lindenwood.edu

Missouri Southern State University
Joplin, MO
(417) 625-9300
www.mssu.edu

Missouri State University
Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Valley College
Marshall, MO
(660) 831-4000
www.moval.edu

Northwest Missouri State University
Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Park University
Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

Rockhurst University
Kansas City, MO
(816) 501-4000
www.rockhurst.edu

Saint Louis University
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Southwest Baptist University
Bolivar, MO
(800) 526-5859
www.sbniv.edu

Stephens College
Columbia, MO
(573) 442-2211
www.stephens.edu

Truman State University
Kirksville, MO
(660) 785-4000
www.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia
Columbia, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri - Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

Washington University in St Louis
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

Webster University
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 961-2660
www.webster.edu

William Jewell College
Liberty, MO
(816) 781-7700
www.jewell.edu

William Woods University
Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
www.williamwoods.edu



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