



## Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Skills Certificate for Costume Construction

Total number of units: 13 units

Top Code/Academic Plan:

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Fall Odd Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 366	<b>Fantasy Costume Sewing and Pattern Making</b>	3	Elective course. Other option is TT 365, offered in Fall even. Milestone course. Only offered Fall odd.	Weekly morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 345	<b>Costume Practicum</b>	2	Core course. Offered every Fall and Spring. Can be taken at any time in the map.	Weekly afternoon course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

**Total Units 5**

Spring Even Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 363	<b>Costume Crafts, Dye, and Fabric Printing</b>	3	Core course. Milestone course. Only offered Spring even.	Weekly morning course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

**Total Units 3**

Fall Even Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 305	<b>Orientation to Technical Careers in Entertainment</b>	2	Core course. Milestone course. Only offered Fall even.	Friday morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 365	<b>Historical Costume Sewing and Pattern Making 3</b>	3	Elective course. Other option is TECTHTR 364. Milestone course. Only offered in Fall even.	Weekly morning course.

**Total Units 5**

### Degree Path and Requirements:

Skills certificate with 4 required core courses. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#).

### Department Advising Notes:

Program courses are offered in specific semesters and odd/even years as noted. All program courses are offered on ELAC main campus only. This skills certificate is stackable with the Costume Design and Application Skills Certificate and Wardrobe Skills Certificate, to achieve the Costume Design and Technology Certificate of Achievement. These certificates better prepare students for a professional portfolio for internship and employment opportunities. Follow sewing and costume courses on social media with East Los Angeles College Costume Department on Facebook and @ELACcostumes on Instagram.

### Program Description

The Costume Construction Skills Certificate (in conjunction with the Costume Design and Application Skills Certificate and Wardrobe Skills Certificate) provides students with the applicable skills to pursue entry-level positions in entertainment costuming, including: theatre, dance, theme park, live performance, corporate events, film, television, commercials, and new media. Students complete a portfolio encompassing work from each course in preparation for employment in the entertainment industry. Our production process replicates a professional theatre environment in a contemporary facility that includes three performance venues and a costume shop equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Students receive specialized classroom instruction which is reinforced with rigorous hands-on training in costume practicums.

### Career and Transfer Opportunities

Students that obtain this certificate (in conjunction with the Costume Design and Application Skills Certificate and Wardrobe Skills Certificate) will be able to pursue entry-level positions in entertainment costuming, including: theatre, dance, theme park, live performance, corporate events, film,

television, commercials, and new media. Industry job titles include: stitchers, wardrobe attendants, costume technicians, pattern makers, costume designers, costume assistants, costumer, draper, dresser, wardrobe manager, wardrobe supervisor, costume buyer, historic clothing and costume maker, fashion designer and costume design director.

Job descriptions include: select, build, construct, fit, and take care of costumes for cast members and aid entertainers. May assist with multiple costume changes during a performance. Design costumes and accessories. Create original costume designs.

Annual average earnings range from \$55,000 to \$77,000 based on job title.

This skills certificate is intended to be stacked with other skills certificates that lead to the Costume Design and Technology Certificate of Achievement, combined with an AA or AAT degree in Theatre Arts for transfer. In the entertainment industry, students with a 4 year or graduate level degree have a greater network and skill set which can be beneficial in a competitive field. CSU and UC schools have costume programs within their Theater Arts Departments for either a BA, BFA, MA or MFA degree.

Explore [Costume](#) and [Stitching](#) careers here.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration.

#### **Youtube Videos**

[Working in the Theater: Costume Designer](#)

[A Day in the Life of a Dresser](#)

[Costume, Wigs, and Makeup at the National Theater](#)

[An Overview of the Costume Department](#)

#### **Program Map**

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

#### **Prerequisite Course**

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at [elac.edu](http://elac.edu) for the latest and most accurate information.

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