



NCTC Advising FAQ for The Arts

Music, Theater and Visual Arts Pathways

1. What classes do I need to take for Music, Theater or Visual Arts?

At NCTC we have customized our Associate of Arts Degree for the following pathways:

- **Music** <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/degree-transfer-pathways/association-of-arts/music.pdf>
- **Drama/Theater Arts** <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/degree-transfer-pathways/association-of-arts/drama.pdf>
- **Visual Arts** <https://www.nctc.edu/catalog/degree-transfer-pathways/association-of-arts/visual-arts.pdf>

2. What can I do with these degrees?

It's important to have a good, general understanding of the field you'd like to go into. We have a Career Services Center (<https://www.nctc.edu/career-services/index.html>) that can help!

Here is some great information for different majors:

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/careers/art-and-design/>

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/careers/humanities-and-social-sciences/music/>

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/careers/art-and-design/film/>

Also, check out this free resource for more career exploration: <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

3. Are there prerequisites for these programs?

No. Some courses do need to be taken in a specific sequence though as they build your skills from foundational to more advanced.

4. Is this degree transferrable to a university?

All NCTC undergraduate credits can be transferred to a Texas university, but the question to ask is, "What major at my intended university needs these specific credits"? Core will fulfill core curriculum requirements, but it is important to check the degree plan at the university you plan to attend to know what classes are needed and to see which of your NCTC credits will fulfill those requirements. We always recommend speaking with an advisor at your intended transfer university to know for sure which NCTC classes you are taking will go towards your intended Bachelor's degree.

Transfer Guides are a good source for knowing how your classes can transfer. Here are some transfer guide websites of area universities:

UNT: <https://registrar.unt.edu/transfer-guides>

TWU: <https://twu.edu/transfer-resources/texas-community-college-transfer-guides/>

MSU Texas (Midwestern): <https://msutexas.edu/admissions/equivalencies.php>

5. How long will it take to complete this degree?

Following the degree plan as it is stated in the NCTC Academic Catalog, it will take two years; however, students are welcome to take classes at their own pace and this will affect your graduation timeline.

6. Can I use my financial aid?

Yes! As long as you are staying on plan and taking courses required for your major. You will work with your advisor to create an academic plan that works best for you.

7. Can this degree be done online or is this degree campus-specific?

The core curriculum can be done online or at any campus. The electives specific to each degree program are offered at the following campuses:

- Music – all applied music (private music lessons) and music ensemble classes are held at the Gainesville campus.
- Art – drawing and art design classes are held at the Corinth and Flower Mound campuses.
- Theater Arts/Drama – Theater Practicum and Stagecraft classes are held in Gainesville and all NCTC theatrical productions are performed at the Gainesville campus. Acting classes are held at the Corinth and Flower Mound campuses.

8. Will my credit from another college be applied to this degree? If so, how do I apply them?

If you completed core classes from another Texas public college or university, they will transfer. If you attended a private university or an institution outside of Texas, it will depend on the institution you attended. In order to apply any credits, you will need to order your official transcripts to be sent to NCTC and then complete a [Transcript Evaluation Request](#) so the Registrar’s Office can review your transcript for transferrable credits.

9. Which [NCTC advisor](#) can I contact for more information?

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10. Where can I access the recording of the Arts and Undecided Majors Q&A session with NCTC advisors and faculty?

Just click the image below or visit [NCTC Student Life on YouTube](#) to locate any number of great videos!

