

University of Wisconsin–Parkside Theatre Arts

2012 Program Entry Auditions

Interview & Audition Information

Any student wishing to enroll as a Theatre Arts major at UW-Parkside must interview and/or audition with members of the theatre faculty prior to admission to the program. Prospective theatre arts majors will not be officially accepted into the department until this important on-campus interview process is completed.

The interview/audition process offers the prospective student the opportunity to visit the campus, meet theatre students and faculty, attend free productions, qualify for talent scholarships, and share important details about past experience and future goals and expectations. The interview/audition process also provides the theatre faculty with an opportunity to better know each prospective student's theatrical experience and talents, educational goals, and career expectations.

Please note that our company is "capped" at 65 total majors, including actors, designers, stage managers, and technicians. Like any professional theatre, we strive to balance the skills, talents, and gifts of our company members. This is a major factor of consideration in the program entry audition selection process. Some talented individuals *may* be denied acceptance into the program.

Program Entry Interview/Audition Requirements:

Every prospective theatre arts major must prepare the following materials as a part of the interview/audition process:

- 1. Get accepted to UW-Parkside!** We cannot audition or interview prospective students who have not been fully accepted to UW-Parkside prior to the audition. Proof of acceptance to UW-Parkside is required prior to scheduling a program entry audition/interview.
- 2. Proven Prior Academic Success:** All prospective theatre arts applicants must meet at least two the following requirements:
 - A minimum cumulative **GPA of 2.75** (from high school or other colleges)
 - A composite **ACT score of at least 21**
 - Be in the **upper 50% of their graduating class** (for high school students).
- 3. Schedule a private program entry interview and/or audition** with the Theatre Arts Department on the scheduled dates (see below). Please contact the Director of Theatre Arts Admissions Darice DaMata-Geiger, at damatage@uwp.edu or 262.595.2373.
- 4. Required materials:** At the time of the scheduled interview/audition, the prospective student **MUST** present the following audition materials to the Theatre Arts faculty and staff:

- ✓ **An official Letter of Acceptance to UW-Parkside.**
- ✓ A detailed **theatre experience resume** listing all previous theatre experiences and activities, on stage and off stage.
- ✓ A **one page personal essay** explaining your reason for choosing theatre arts as a college major and your ultimate career goals and objectives.
- ✓ Current **transcript(s) of grades** going back 4 years.
- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation** from current or former theatre teachers and directors or from other educators who can comment on your work, spirit, and talents.
- ✓ A recent **headshot**; senior photos and candid snapshots are acceptable.
- ✓ **Presentation of Personal Talents**
 - ❖ Students wishing to become **actors, directors, or theatre teachers** are asked to prepare and present TWO memorized, contrasting 1-minute monologues that best show their range of talent. You may also present a one minute musical selection, however you must provide your own recorded accompaniment on CD or tape.
 - ❖ Students wishing to become **designers, technicians, or stage managers** are asked to present a production portfolio/scrapbook that contains examples of previous theatrical or artistic projects.

2011-12 Program Entry Interview/Audition Dates:

- **Friday, September 9, 2011 - 1:00 to 5:00 pm**
- **Friday, December 16, 2011 – Theatre Visit Day 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**
- **January 6 & 7, 2012 – Auditions at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival**
- **Saturday, February 4, 2012 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**
- **Saturday, March 2, 2012 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**
- **Saturday, April 21, 2011 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

For more information or to arrange an interview/audition, contact:

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For FREE TICKETS to any UW-Parkside Theatre Arts Department production, please contact Ms. DaMata-Geiger at the above address. We will be happy to provide complimentary tickets to you and your parents (3 free tickets max). Reservations are required and free tickets are subject to availability since our shows tend to SELL OUT early.