

HNC Performing Arts (Acting)

In Partnership with – Screen Yorkshire, Actual Size Theatre and Empath Action CIC.



Course Overview

This is a two-year full-time programme at Levels 4 and 5. In year one you will complete a Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting) at Level 4.

On completion of your Higher National Certificate, you will complete a Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting) at Level 5.

Professional development is at the heart of this course, and you will have the opportunity to develop as a dramatic theatre artist in a truly creative and collaborative way. This course will provide you with the opportunity to apply your experience in the studios and in a diverse range of performance arenas. In year one you will develop performance and theatre skills in a supported forum.

In year two you will further develop industry practices, building on your previous experiences and exploring your own lines of enquiry to help you develop as a performing arts practitioner. Through engagement with industry professionals, you will experience and gain first-hand knowledge and understanding to enhance your studies.

Through practical classes you will develop a wide range of performance techniques that are drawn from world-renowned practitioners and theorists, such as Screen Yorkshire, enabling you to become a versatile practitioner. The course is designed to give you the necessary skills to become proactive about your own career progression, building the confidence and ability to plan and deliver workshops, direct your own performances, devising and creative writing skills, teamwork and build a solid understanding of how the industry works.

Underpinning the practical aspects of the course is the exploration of theoretical concepts of performance and its creation and presentation. You will perform in several productions a year that will see you apply techniques and develop your stagecraft. You will be expected to work with fellow students in a supportive and creative manner, often working with the director to develop performance work and your own understanding of how you make theatre works and take them from the page to the stage.

What You Will Study

Areas of study may include:

- The Performing Arts Industry
- Professional Development
- Acting Techniques
- Voice and Speech for Actors
- Acting for Camera
- Movement for Actors

START DATE	LEVEL
September 2026	Level 4
STUDY MODE	DURATION
Full-time	1 year
AWARDING BODY	LOCATION
Pearson BTEC	Wakefield College



For further information about this course, including Entry Requirements, Assessments and Further Study, scan the QR code.

Need More Information?

For additional course information please contact the Course Information Team on **01924 789111** or email courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

To learn more about Wakefield College, our facilities and how we can support you please visit our website www.heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

Quick Links



How to
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Student
Support



Virtual
Tours

- Devising Theatre and Performance
- Stagecraft

Units can change according to industry trends or project designs. Decisions like this are taken at the discretion of the course leader and are not optional.

Attendance Expectations

3-4 days per week plus evening performances/some weekends.

Course hours typically stand at 15 hours contact per week of lectures, rehearsals, workshops and self-directed study. This can increase during performance weeks and will require evening work and on occasion, weekends.

In addition to the course contact hours, students will need to undertake at least 10 hrs per week directed and self-directed study/practice.

How You Will Be Assessed

The College assesses you through the coursework that you produce as you complete each unit, this may include finished pieces of work, written work, your research, and a reflective journal which allows you to evaluate your learning and highlight your strengths and areas for further development.

Most units have some form of performance-based assessment attached that focus on a range of performance skills and genres.

Entry Requirements

64 UCAS tariff points from A Levels or a Level 3 Diploma in a related subject. Or An Access course.

GCSE Grade 9-4 in English Language (or equivalent qualification) is required.

Those with previous experience or learning that is relevant may be eligible via our RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) process for accreditation towards this course.

All applicants are required to attend an interview.

Fee Information

£7,400.

Further Study

Progression to HND Performing Arts (Acting), which can be studied at Wakefield College.