

FILM CREW TECHNOLOGY

Technical Certificate



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Program and Career Description:

The Film Crew Technology Program (FCT) is especially designed for individuals who want to enter the motion-picture business as “below-the-line” crew (the technicians that perform the majority of work on a motion-picture production). The FCT Program was started in 2008 as part of the Film Incentive plan for the State of Tennessee. The curriculum is constantly influenced by the Director of the FCT Program and the FCT Board of Directors.

This certificate is designed for the student who does not intend to transfer into a baccalaureate degree program.

Career	Beginning Salary	Experienced Salary
Audio & Video Equipment Technician	\$19.57 per hour	\$22.46 per hour

Career Salary information taken from www.jobs4tn.gov and www.bls.gov. Check out these web sites for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

The Film Crew Technology program trains students in motion-picture lighting, grip, art department, HD cinematography, Digital Information Technician, sound and post-production (editing). For students wanting to enter the motion-picture industry or transfer to a four-year film program this program is extremely advantageous. The FCT program utilizes the latest technology and techniques commonly used in the professional motion-picture industry and is the only program in the State of Tennessee with professional working Grip/Electric production vehicle.

The program begins every August and is currently limited to 16 students per year. Please see the Film Crew Program Director for Advising and scheduling of classes.



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Admission Requirements

Program applicants are selected once a year for Fall Semester start. Students interested in applying to the Film Crew Technology program should follow the procedures listed below:

1. All applicants must meet the general requirements to the College and apply for admissions as stated in the College catalog.
2. Complete a Request for Admission to Film Crew Technology Program form before the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to enroll in the program.
 - a. Forms are available upon request from the Program Director. Please email rridley1@columbiastate.edu or call (615) 790-4410.
3. Program Requirements:
 - a. Prior to admission in the program, students must be able to visually assess colors and be able to determine the difference between red, blue, green and white.
 - b. Upon completion of the program, students must be able to meet the following physical requirements that are standard to crew positions in the motion picture industry:
 1. Lift up to 80 lbs.
 2. Climb a ladder of at least 20 feet.
 3. Be able to stand for minimum of 2 hours.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- Total certificate hours must be at least 33
- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State
- GPA of at least 2.0 in courses required for the certificate.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information please visit our Web site at: <http://www.columbiastate.edu/IR/Gainful%20Employment/FCT/gedt.html>.

Sample Academic Plan

Fall Semester

___THEA 1400	Stagecraft	3
___FCT 1010	Set Equipment and Machinery	3
___FCT 1012	Intro Entertainment Tech	2
___FCT 1013	Motion Picture Safety and Etiquette	3
___FCT 1211	Fundamentals Electricity	2
___FCT 2010	Set Construction or	
FCT 2040	Advanced Electric	3
		16

Spring Semester

___FCT 1020	Basic Grip	3
___FCT 1210	Fundamentals of Lighting Tech	3
___FCT 2020	Advanced Grip	3
___FCT 2025	Motion Picture Sound Recording	2
___FCT 2030	Film and Video Lighting	3
		14

Summer Semester

___FCT 2050	Film and Production Lab	3
		3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	33

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