

The Cinema/TV Department and Theater Department at LACC engaged in collegial consultation regarding the development of a new program, Certificate of Achievement in Production Design. Development of Certificate was discussed at the DAS Discipline meeting with Cinema, TV, Media Arts, Broadcasting, Photography, & Animation during Spring 2024. All departments from LA Valley College, Mission, East and Pierce were supportive of the idea and in agreement that our colleges in the district are lacking a program specializing in Production Design. We were commended for collaborating across departments to create a certificate that allows students to develop skills in Production Design for Film, TV, Theater, or Animation.

In addition to discussion at DAS, Theater Arts Department Chair John “Eddie” Beldsoe contacted the following colleges contacted for collegial consultation.

- i. LA Valley College (Theater)
- ii. East LA College (Theater)

Cinema/TV Faculty member, Jen Vaughn, notified the LA Workforce Council regarding the development of this new program. See screenshots below of current emails for LAWFC, and email correspondence to LAWFC, LA Valley & East Colleges, and minutes from DAS Discipline Meeting.

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New Program - Certificate of Achievement in Production Design

From Vaughn, Jennifer E <VAUGHNJE@LACITYCOLLEGE.EDU>

Date Mon 11/3/2025 1:29 PM

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Hello LA Workforce Council,

Los Angeles City College is proposing a new CTE program: Certificate of Achievement in Production Design, under the Film Production Top Code 0612.20.

This Certificate is proposed in collaboration with the Cinema/TV Department, Theater Department, and Visual & Media Arts Department at LACC (all Department Chairs are CC'd on this email).

Please review the course sequence and attached narrative and let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the development of this program.

Thank you,

Professor Jen Vaughn
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Los Angeles City College

Certificate of Achievement: Production Design

From: Bledsoe, John E <bledsoje@lacitycollege.edu>
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Cc:
Subject: Certificate for Production Design

Hi Lisa and Jennifer,

Los Angeles City College will be submitting a proposal for a new program titled, Certificate of Achievement in Production Design for TV and Film (24 units), TOP Code 0612.20

Required Courses:

ART 501	Beginning 2D Design	3		
ART 634	Computer Graphics I: 3D Computer Graphics	3		
CIN 018	Intro to Film Genres	3		
TA 315	Scenic Design	3		
TA 321	Computer Drafting	3		
TA 338	Intro to Design for Theatre, Film & Television	3		
TA 400	Periods & Styles	3		
CIN 931	Cooperative Education	3		
-or-				
TA 385	Directed Study			
-or-				
ART 385	Directed Study			

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,
Eddie

Eddie Bledsoe
Chair: Theatre Arts/Theatre Academy
Los Angeles City College

Meeting Summary for District Discipline Day

Mar 14, 2025 12:26 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) ID: 829 7512 2496

Quick recap

The meeting of media arts faculty from various colleges covered program updates, budget challenges, and curriculum developments. Discussions included creating a new non-credit media arts discipline, addressing instructor hiring difficulties, and exploring cross-campus collaborations. The group also shared updates on virtual production programs, grant applications, and equipment funding, while addressing concerns about enrollment trends and federal-level changes affecting their departments.

Next steps

- Chad and Valley Team: Lead the initiative to establish a new "Media Arts Non-Credit" discipline code/subject in the district
- All Department Chairs: Review and update their discipline lists in the shared spreadsheet to ensure accuracy and include faculty who can teach across multiple disciplines
- All Colleges: Consider how to integrate non-credit classes with their existing credit programs and prepare proposals
- Chad and Valley Team: Share existing vocational education media arts class numbers and curriculum with other campuses for potential adoption
- Chad/Valley Team: Set up a meeting with East LA College and City College teams to discuss visual effects curriculum alignment and potential collaboration
- Curtis: Schedule a meeting with photo faculty to discuss CalGetC pathway requirements and curriculum adjustments
- Jen/City College Team: Continue development of production design certificate program and coordinate with Valley regarding virtual production curriculum
- Photo Faculty Team: Research and propose solutions for adapting Photo 10 to meet CalGetC pathway requirements while maintaining vocational aspects
- Valley Team: Share virtual production curriculum details with other campuses interested in developing similar programs
- Rosa and East LA Team: Share information about the upcoming International Animation Festival with all colleges
- Curtis: Add journalism category to the Canvas shell for cross-campus hiring purposes
- Laura: Contact Chad via email to discuss mocap equipment options and experiences
- All Faculty: Submit curriculum changes and program developments to the discipline committee before proceeding with campus-level approval
- All Faculty not in Canvas shell: Contact Curtis for access to the Canvas shell
- Curtis: Upload meeting notes and share Zoom recording on Canvas