



Module Definition Form (MDF)

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1. Module Title
Professional Preparation

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
Cambridge School of the Creative Industries

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences

3a. Level
6

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:	BA (Hons) Musical Theatre		

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

In this module you will develop the preparatory skills for auditioning professionally. You will learn techniques for presenting and auditioning to industry specialists including casting directors, musical directors, agents, and other professionals. Weekly classes will include how to approach tackling suitable material in readiness for hypothetical job scenarios and creating a portfolio of work in preparation for your final audition at the end of the module.

6b. Outline Content

- Workshops on the process of selecting appropriate material for professional auditions suited to your individual skills and aptitudes.
- Resilience and rejection: how to prepare for criticism and turning this into a strength.
- The importance of auditioning for your career, and not the job.
- The 16 & 32 bar audition.
- 'Presenting' in a professional setting.
- Creating an Actor's C.V.
- Headshots.
- Understanding Spotlight and agency websites.
- Creating a professional portfolio.

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

Rehearsal space
Piano
Sheet music
Dictaphone or recording device
Comfortable clothing or loose blacks
Librettos

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)

No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a professional attitude and focus conducive to seeking and acquiring professional employment.
2	Knowledge and Understanding	The preparation of materials that evidence your professional profile to an employer.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Audition for a role in musical theatre demonstrating the appropriate skills necessary to gaining professional employment.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	0	N/A	N/A
Other teacher managed learning	24	1-3	12 weeks x 2hr class
Student managed learning	126	1-3	Independent rehearsals with 2-hrs of studio space timetabled weekly for the completion of tasks including professional portfolio and audition preparation
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	2	20 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Professional portfolio including headshot, actor's CV, repertoire and covering letter (500 words equivalent)					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
011	Practical	1, 3	80 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Maximum 5-minute audition to professional panel (2,500 words equivalent)					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

- (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above**
- (b) pass any pass/fail elements**

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]