



Hair Styling Apprentice

The Hair Styling Apprentice will develop practical skills in styling and maintaining natural hair for the stage. Under the mentorship of a qualified stylist, staff member, or experienced alum, this apprentice will learn how to interpret and execute approved hair designs, ensuring that each performer's look supports the overall visual concept of the production.

Throughout the program, the apprentice will:

- Learn and practice styling techniques for natural hair, including braiding, curling, straightening, and wig-prep styles.
- Gain experience with hair preparation, touch-ups, and maintenance throughout the rehearsal and performance process.
- Assist in replicating hairstyles based on the production's design plans, photos, or instructions.
- Help with organization and scheduling of styling sessions before performances.
- Collaborate with the Makeup and Costume Apprentices to maintain consistency and accuracy across all character looks.
- Practice safe, hygienic, and professional hair care techniques, ensuring performer comfort and respect at all times.

This apprenticeship emphasizes professionalism, care, and collaboration. Apprentices must be willing to take direction from their mentor and the design team, work carefully with others, and dedicate time outside of rehearsal and school hours when needed. A spirit of humility, patience, and curiosity is essential — hairstyling in theatre is a service craft that blends creativity with precision and responsibility.

This is not a leadership position, but a learning opportunity for students eager to gain hands-on experience in natural hair styling, backstage etiquette, and the vital role of supporting performers through consistent, professional hair work.