



Wig Apprentice

The Wig Apprentice will gain hands-on experience in the preparation, styling, and maintenance of wigs and hairpieces for theatrical productions. Under the mentorship of a qualified wig technician, staff member, or experienced alum, this apprentice will learn the backstage skills needed to support performers and maintain consistent, show-ready wig looks throughout each production.

Throughout the program, the apprentice will:

- Learn the fundamentals of wig care and styling, including brushing, setting, curling, and pinning techniques.
- Practice fitting, securing, and adjusting wigs safely and comfortably for performers.
- Assist with cleaning, maintenance, and restyling between performances.
- Gain experience in wig labeling, storage, and organization for multiple productions.
- Support quick changes and backstage transitions, ensuring smooth and efficient wig swaps during performances.
- Collaborate with the Makeup and Hair Styling Apprentices to maintain consistency with the production's overall visual design.

This apprenticeship emphasizes precision, responsibility, and teamwork. Apprentices must be willing to take direction from mentors and designers, handle delicate materials with care, and dedicate time outside of rehearsal and school hours to complete styling and maintenance tasks. A spirit of humility, professionalism, and curiosity is essential — wig work requires patience, attention to detail, and a commitment to performer comfort and consistency.

This is not a leadership position, but a learning opportunity for students eager to build backstage skills, gain confidence in wig care and styling, and contribute to the polished look of each production.