The NCCU Teaching Artist Certificate Program (TACP) is an online program equipping artists with a comprehensive foundation to plan, design and implement a vast array of arts experiences for all ages. Distinctly separate from teaching licensure programs, the Teaching Artist Certificate prepares performing artists with the job-readiness tools to create auditorium performances, school residencies and cultural arts programs for schools and community-based organizations.

Who does this program benefit?
Artists of all disciplines who have:
- a minimum of an Associates degree and a background in the arts; or
- a Bachelors degree in an arts discipline; or
- Five years as a professional practicing artist with a high school diploma.

What is a Teaching Artist?
A Teaching Artist is . . . an active artist who chooses to develop teaching skills to achieve the fullest possible artistic engagement with audiences, and who is trained to identify, activate and enhance learning through artistic experiences. Knowledge of how to design arts experiences enables an artist to open the door of art exploration for others. Cultivating personally relevant connections for audiences leads to development of arts-rich communities, enriching the lives of all citizens. With a TACP certificate earned at North Carolina Central University — earned, working with the experienced educators and veteran teaching artists in our renowned faculty within the award-winning arts programs in Music, Theatre and Dance, and Art — you will be more marketable and knowledgeable in your field. Many Teaching Artists enjoy the freedom of planning their performance, touring and presenting schedules around the school and community work of residencies and auditorium performances, maximizing their incomes as they nurture personal creativity.

A 2-step registration:

Step 1: Apply to NCCU as a Certificate-seeking student* (currently enrolled students can skip this step)
Complete the online application at www.nccu.edu/apply
(click on Start Undergraduate Application.
Note; All certificate-seeking students apply in the Undergraduate Application.)

Step 2: Apply to the Teaching Artist Certificate Program by: a) Completing the application  b) Submitting a portfolio at www.nccu.Submittable.com

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PORTFOLIO
A TACP portfolio should have:
- Completed TACP Application
- Artistic Statement
  (Describe a) Why you are interested in the TACP; and b) Who are you as an artist?)
- Professional Resume (1-2 pages)
- 1 Letter of Recommendation
  (from someone who knows your professional work)
- Work Samples and Samples List
- $35 Nonrefundable Application Fee

Questions?
Email Lenora Helm Hammonds at LHelm@nccu.edu or call 919 530-6653
https://nccuonline.nccu.edu/programs/teaching-artist-certificate-program/

Teaching Artist Certificate

Why Teaching Artists?
“Not because we expect our students to major in music; Not because we expect them to paint or dance all their lives; Not only so they can relax; Not only so they can have fun; But so they will be more human; So they will recognize beauty; So they will be sensitive; So they will be closer to an infinite beyond this world; So they will have something to cling to; So they will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness, more good — in short, more Life. Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living unless you know how to live?
William "Butch" Standerfer
Skilled Teaching Artists play a pivotal role in the ever changing constellation of Arts Education. Teaching artists work with classroom teachers and arts specialists in K-12 and community settings.

Share knowledge about your art. Your passion and experience is a doorway for others! Teaching Artists facilitate learning in and through the arts by teaching audiences how to interpret and understand works of art, investigate creative origins inspiring works of art, and recognize cultural

Design arts experiences. Research has shown that 21st-century education design must meet the need of diverse audiences from many cultural backgrounds. At NCCU, our TACP is designed to cultivate a diverse and qualified pool of Teaching Artists to meet this growing need with arts experiences designed to serve wide range of

Impact communities Whether you work with your local ballet company, community choir or after school arts program, a trained teaching artist enhances and positively impacts the cultural climate of a community.

Enhance your work. Teaching Artists report that working as an artist within communities and in schools with students reinforces what they know about their art, and reveals new areas of their creativity, helping them reach new levels of artistry!

TAC Program = 7 online courses
- Cooperative Learning for Teaching Artists
- Foundations in Learning Theory for Teaching Artists
- The Business of Art for Teaching Artists
- Methods and Teaching Practicum for Teaching Artists
- Arts Integration and Collaboration for Teaching Artists
- Program Management and Assessment for Teaching Artists
- Capstone Residency for Teaching Artists

Get Certified! Then Go Change The World . . .

The NCCU Teaching Artist Certificate Program is designed to be completed in one year (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters). A new cohort begins each Fall and the courses are designed to be cumulative. Each of the courses in the program are taken online. This conveniently supports your busy schedule as an artist, and affords the opportunity to build skills and capacity for career development. For the final course of this program, we work with you to identify and select an organization to complete your Capstone Residency in a real world setting of a school or community-based organization.