

Specification Supplement

This document supports the following specifications:

Professional Performing Arts Diplomas

Objective	The Professional Performing Arts Diplomas have been specifically designed for students who have auditioned for and gained a place on a full-time course at a validated course provider with the aim of training to become professional actors, dancers or musical theatre performers. Course providers validated to deliver the diplomas offer the highest standards of vocational performing arts training. The full list of validated course providers is available at trinitycollege.com/PPAD.					
	Regulated titles *	Qualification Numbers	Credits	Total Qualification Time **	Course length	
	Level 6 Diploma in Professional Dance	600/0973/1	420	4200	3 years	
	Level 6 Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre	600/0948/2	420	4200	3 years	
	Level 6 Diploma in Professional Acting	600/0974/3	420	4200	3 years	
Total Qualification Time and Qualification Numbers	Level 5 Diploma in Professional Dance (Classical Ballet or Contemporary Dance)	600/0947/0	255	2550	2 years	
	Level 5 Diploma in Professional Acting	600/0945/7	150	1500	1 year (minimum)	
	*Level 5 and Level 6 Diplomas are regulated by Ofqual and CCEA. Level 6 diplomas are also regulated by Qualifications Wales. ** Total Qualification Time is made up of Guided learning hours (the time set aside for directing, teaching or supervising learners) and Other learning hours (this includes any other learning which contributes to the achievement of the qualification but which is not carried out under the direction, teaching or supervision of a teacher). It is recognised that the actual amount of time needed to complete a qualification will depend on the level of experience of each individual or group. For this reason, the assigned TQT should be used as guidance only.					
Assessment methods	Trinity assesses students in the performance unit of the diplomas throughout the final year of their training. All other units are assessed by the course provider and moderated by Trinity.					
	Students must pass all units to achieve the diploma.					
Attainment levels	Attainment bands for the diplomas are Pass and Fail. Students must pass all the units of the diploma to achieve an overall pass.					
Recognition	Trinity College London is an awarding organisation recognised by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) in England and Northern Ireland, and by Qualifications Wales. Trinity's music grade exams are regulated by these authorities within the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), and are recognised by other education authorities in many countries around the world.					

Minimum age and other entry requirements	Students must be 16 years and over for dance and musical theatre courses and 18 years or over for acting courses. Students must have successfully auditioned for a place at a validated course provider in order to register for a diploma.		
Progression	The purpose of the diplomas is that graduates should to go into professional performing work. However, the diplomas provide an APL route onto some MA programmes. There are also various BA(Hons) courses available for graduates of the diploma who wish to achieve a more academically orientated course at level 6.		
Course Providers	Only validated course providers may offer the Professional Performing Arts Diplomas. These are some of the top performing arts training establishments in the UK. As part of the validation process, providers must show evidence that their graduates have successfully gained employment and sustained viable careers in the performing arts industry.		