

CAREERS FOR

Theatre & Dance

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For some people, creativity is cultivated through one of humanities most cherished art forms – theatre. There are a multitude of people who call this great stage home – actors, directors, playwrights, dancers, costumers, and designers who strive to produce moments of enchantment for their audience to remember. [UNM's Department of Theatre and Dance](#) offers students the opportunity to hone their craft by learning from a diverse pool of faculty and students. The Department of Theatre and Dance also encourages cross discipline collaboration and offers two incredible performance spaces in [Rodey Theatre and The X – Experimental Theatre](#). There are three different undergraduate degrees within the Department of Theatre and Dance and students are encouraged to [speak with a College of Fine Arts academic advisor](#).

[Bachelor of Arts in Theatre](#)

Students are able to explore all elements of theatre including theory and technique. Exploration and experimentation are nurtured within the program and students will refine skills in acting, directing, design, dance, playwriting, and production.

[Bachelor of Arts in Dance](#)

There are two concentration areas for a BA in Dance – Contemporary Dance and Flamenco. Students within the program are encouraged to participate in UNM's Annual Flamenco Festival. Albuquerque is home to the National Institute of Flamenco and [Festival Flamenco Albuquerque](#) which hosts world renowned artists each summer. Dance majors must audition for admittance into the program.

[Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design Technology for Performance](#)

A hands-on degree for students interested in costume, lighting, and scenic design. Students will be able to practice in UNM's state-of-the-art training facilities under the guidance of experienced faculty and staff.

Industries & Occupations

Employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult Career Services' [Handshake](#) for a list of organizations, recruiters, and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator for help with identifying employers or additional resources for Theatre & Dance majors.

Performance – Production – Directing – Technical --- Writing – Arts Management – Set Design/Construction

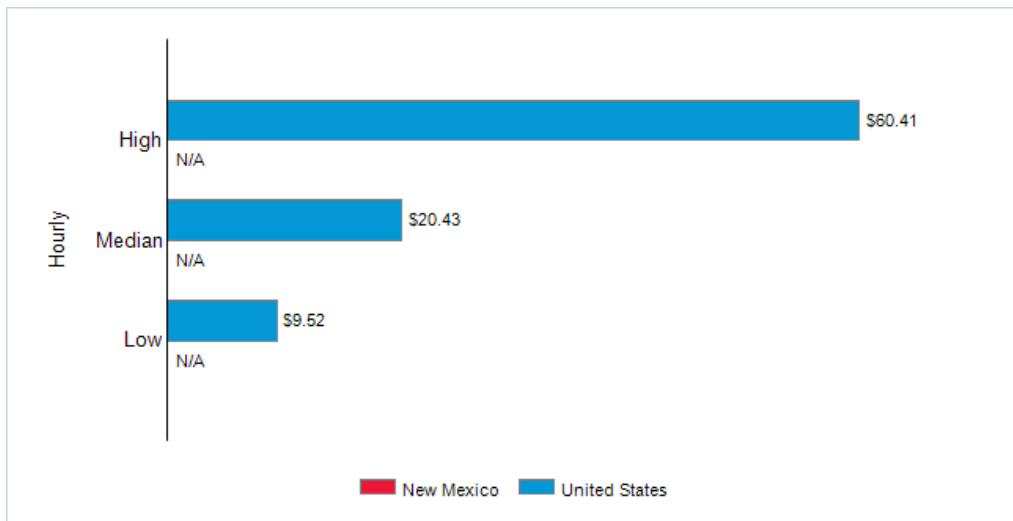
Education - University or college teaching and research (higher level degree required) – Public Education (teaching licensure required)

Top Companies

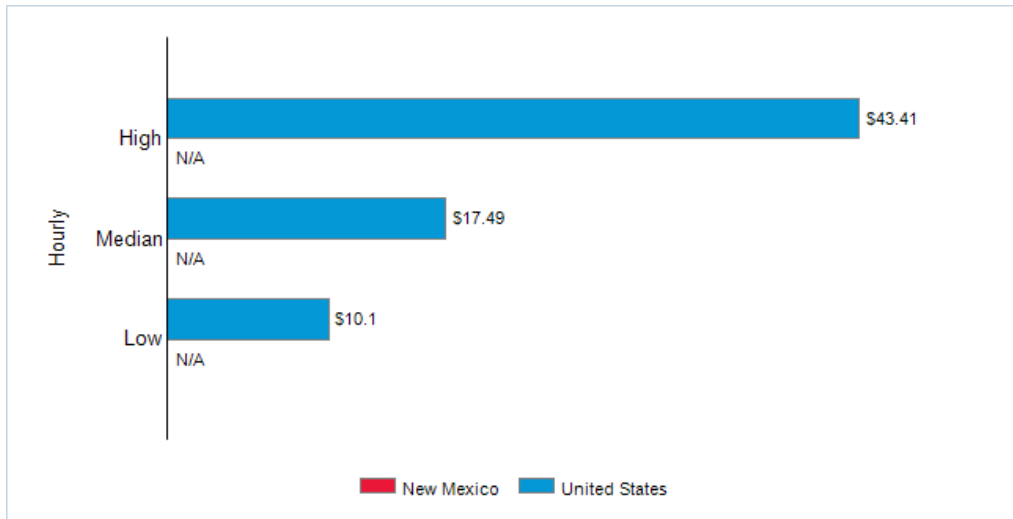
- [University of New Mexico – Popejoy Hall](#)
- [Albuquerque Little Theatre](#)
- [National Dance Institute of New Mexico](#)
- [Fishback Studio of the Dance](#)
- [National Hispanic Cultural Center](#)
- [VSA arts of New Mexico](#)

Salary Information

FROM [CAREER ONE STOP](#) - Hourly Wages for Actors in NEW MEXICO



FROM [CAREER ONE STOP](#) - Hourly Wages for Dancers in NEW MEXICO



Tips

- Like similar creative mediums, practice and exposure is paramount for Theatre and Dance majors. Students are encouraged to audition for different parts, both within and outside of the program and to try a variety settings in order to hone their craft.
- Resumes for this field are very specific and differ from a traditional resume. Please contact a cdf at Career Services to work on your acting or dance resume.
- Get professional headshots for your acting or dance resume. Locate an agent who can help you land acting or dancing gigs.

Learn More

[UNM College of Fine Arts](#)

[Handshake](#)

[UNM Student Activities Center](#)

[Onet Online – Dancers](#)

[Onet Online - Actors](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Set and Exhibit Designers](#)

[Buzzfile – Employers of Drama, Theatre, and Visual Arts Majors in New Mexico](#)

[Albuquerque Theatre Guild](#)

[American Dance Guild](#)

[American Guild of Musical Artists](#)

[Dance Educators of America](#)

[Dance USA](#)

[Educational Theatre Association](#)

[International Society for the Performing Arts](#)

[National Association of Schools of Dance](#)

[National Dance Alliance](#)

[National Association of Schools of Theatre](#)

[Actors Equity Association](#)

[Network of Ensemble Theaters](#)

[SAG - AFTRA](#)

[Society of American Fight Directors](#)

[American Association of Community Theatre](#)

[Backstage](#)

[Playbill](#)

[Stage Managers Association](#)

[Stage Directors and Choreographers Society](#)

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[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Actors](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Dancers and Choreographers](#)

[Buzzfile – Employers of Dance Majors in New Mexico](#)