The University of the Arts is devoted exclusively to education and training in the arts. Within this community of artists, the process of learning engages, refines and articulates all of our creative capabilities. UA Arts is committed to inspiring, educating and preparing innovative artists and creative leaders for the arts of the 21st century.

Teaching Artist Certificate Program

The University of the Arts Continuing Education supports adult learners in reaching new creative and professional heights through courses, workshops and certificate programs.
Overview
This research-based certificate program will build the knowledge and capacity of artists to work alongside teachers and arts specialists in PreK-12 classrooms and community settings to create and implement best practices residency programs that support learning in and through the arts.

Why UA Arts?
The University of the Arts was the first degree-granting institution in the country to offer a Teaching Artist Certificate program. The Teaching Artist Certificate is an unprecedented online program inclusive of all the arts: visual, performing, literary, media and crafts. Recognizing the role of the artist as a vital component of PreK-12 educational reform, the program was designed by the University of the Arts and the Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Program Structure
Participants complete five online courses in sequence, for a total of 110 contact hours over three semesters, starting in the Fall. All courses are offered in an online format allowing students to log-in at their convenience to participate in discussions and readings.

The benefits of our online course format include:
• Cohort structure will introduce you to peers and help to build your professional network
• Work while taking our classes - UA Arts classes are designed to support work-life balance
• Participate in asynchronous class discussions at your pace and when convenient for your schedule
• Participate in synchronous sessions where students and instructors come together for a video conference discussion at least twice per course

The Teaching Artist, Certified and More Capable
• Understand the business aspects of being a teaching artist + develop a professional portfolio to promote your work
• Learn how to design, implement and manage your own residency
• Gain professional teaching skills developed through hands-on experience working alongside master teachers; skills necessary to work in schools and community sites
• Be considered an alumnus of the University of the Arts and receive the many associated benefits

Certificate Program Requirements
This program is for practicing artists interested in bringing their skills into the classroom and community. A bachelor’s degree is helpful but not necessary. Those who have experience as teaching artists will acquire specialized skills and in-depth expertise to equip them with a professional credential in the field. Application materials include: samples of the artist’s work, training and experience, resume, and letter of recommendation.

For application and deadlines visit uarts.edu/ce/teachingartist
Requirements to participate in the program include:
• Students must have general computer skills.
• Students must have access to internet and ability to access Adobe Connect platform.
• Students will use academic writing style, program will use the APA (American Psychological Association) formatting + style guide.

See website for more detailed requirements.
Please note: the UA Arts Teaching Artist Certificate is not certification in preparation for the PA Department of Education praxis exam.

Certificate Courses
Foundations Of Learning Theory
Fall | 5 weeks | 2.0 Credits | Tuition: $375, Fee: $15
This course explores the history and philosophy of learning theories and their application to present-day classroom practices. Theoretical models from pre-20th century through current brain-based research are examined in relation to the teaching of the arts. Learning styles and teaching strategies are analyzed as a means to addressing effective classroom practices.

Human Behavior + Child Development
Fall | 5 weeks | 2.0 Credits | Tuition: $375, Fee: $15
Gain a basic understanding of child development theories and current issues in human behavior as related to patterns of change in the most critical age group of learners, ages 4-14. Cognitive, language, social/emotional and motor domains are examined. Consideration is given to the ways teaching artists can create age-appropriate arts activities within instructional settings including PreK-12 classrooms and community sites.

Methods For Teaching Artists
Spring | 10 weeks | 3.0 Credits | Tuition: $695, Fee: $15
Application of theory into practice: teaching methodology, arts integration, co-teaching strategies, program design and implementation, and student and program assessment. This course will include the development of arts and arts integrated residencies in both schools and community settings and includes building an understanding of the culture and learning requirements of a particular community from Pre-K to senior citizens.

Professional Practices
Summer | 5 weeks | 2.0 Credits | Tuition: $375, Fee: $15
This course focuses on the practical and business skills needed to support and sustain a professional teaching artist. Students will create a professional teaching artist dossier which will include traditional presentation and application materials. Through lectures, research projects and class discussions, students will examine best practices for pursuing teaching residencies, including evaluating teaching contracts, record keeping, and taxes.

Capstone
Summer | 5 weeks | 2.0 Credits | Tuition: $375, Fee: $15
This culminating course is designed to provide you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have learned in the Teaching Artist Certificate program. You will identify and craft an application to a Teaching Artist residency that meets your individually defined goals in coordination with and approval by the instructor. Finally, you will assemble and present your professional teaching e-portfolio, appropriate to your medium and professional goals.

Total Credits: 11
Total Tuition + Fees: $2,270
Application Fee: $50
Total Program Cost: $2,320