



2019-2020 Pre-Professional Program FAQs

Q: What is ATMTC's Pre-Professional Program?

A: The Pre-Professional Program prepares committed and gifted musical theatre students in grades 6-12 for college and/or a professional career. Led by a highly qualified faculty, the Pre-Professional Program curriculum provides inclusive training in singing, dancing, acting, and performance. The Pre-Professional Program is enrolled by audition only.

Q: What will a company member receive through ATMTC's Pre-Professional Program?

A: Pre Professional Program Company Members will benefit from:

- Over 300 classroom hours per season in the five core disciplines of musical theater
- Small class sizes
- Ensemble rehearsal classes, which integrate core disciplines through the instruction of musical theatre repertoire
- Performance opportunities including the Evening of Scenes, Pre Pro Cabaret, ATMTC Gala, ATMTC Fall Event and an end of year capstone project (Spotlight)
- Annual Bus to Broadway trip including a Broadway Master class, dinner, and tickets to a Broadway performance
- Master Classes with industry professionals and college representatives
- Company T-Shirt
- Professional audition recommendations when available
- Kid's Open Call- waived fee/endorsement;
- Smart Stage Parent- 1 ticket included;
- Inclusion on Comp ticket offers to regional theatre/performance/rehearsals (as available)
- Complimentary college audition prep (for juniors/seniors)
- Access to private coachings to prepare for auditions (addnl. fees apply)
- Personalized feedback & progress reports
- Student/parent conferences

Q: Who can enroll?

A: There are several routes to becoming a company member of the ATMTC Pre-Professional Program:

- Serious, talented, and aspiring musical theatre performers in Grades 6-12 may audition to become a company member during the summer before the season starts, as space allows
- Current company members with faculty recommendations are able re-enroll in the company without re-auditioning
- Conservatory students who show exemplary promise and dedication to their craft may be invited to join the company, as space allows at any time during the year.

Q: How is the program structured?

A: Students are leveled in each discipline based on assessment and observation on the first day of the season, recommendations based on previous progress reports if applicable, and/or familiarity of each student's individual capability. Class sections are designated by level.

Q: What kind of Professional Training does the staff have?

A: ATMTC hires the most educated and talented musical theatre professionals in the D.C. and New York regions. We are proud to employ qualified individuals who are:

- Bachelor's and Master's degree holders in musical theatre, theatre, dance, vocal performance, and youth education from top national institutions
- Musical theatre instructors at prominent regional universities
- Former company members of prestigious dance performance companies such as Alvin Ailey



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American Dance Theatre and the Debbie Allen Dance Academy; and

- Professional and award-winning musical theatre choreographers, singers, actors, and directors

Q: What results can I expect from the program?

A: Every student receives specialized training in the core areas of musical theatre performance in order to compete for acceptance into top colleges and/or to prepare them for a professional career.

Q: Where do company members rehearse and perform?

A: Students train at ATMTC Academy in Wintergreen Plaza on Rockville Pike, Rockville MD in one of our six training studios. Special events and performances take place regionally at area venues, including ATMTC's own stage in Glen Echo Park.

Q: What kind of commitment is required?

A: Students begin the season in mid-September and break from mid-December-February where they can choose to enroll in the winter student production. The Pre Professional program culminates in May with the annual capstone project performance of *Spotlight*. Additionally:

- Students are expected to attend all Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday classes and *Spotlight* rehearsals. Additionally, all tech week rehearsals for *Spotlight*, are mandatory.
- Participation in *Spotlight* is required for re-admission invitation into the program in subsequent years, unless a student has a pre-approved professional conflict

Q: What is the cost?

A: The Pre Professional Program's non-refundable annual tuition is \$5,400.00. New and prospective students are required to pay a non-refundable \$35 application fee, due at the time of scheduling their audition date and time. Tuition payments may be made in monthly installments, due on the first of each month.

Q: What do company members need to provide?

A: Participants are asked to bring a water bottle, a pencil, a binder, a recording device to record vocal parts and rehearse at home, and any other provided scripts/scores each Saturday. All materials need to be clearly labeled with student's name.

To maintain consistent dress code, participants must at their own cost provide ballet, jazz, tap, and character shoes, as well as required rehearsal dance attire. ATMTC Academy partners with Footlights Studio Direct Program for dance attire. Upon enrollment, Pre Professional Program Company Members will be provided with a link to the ATMTC catalog of approved footwear and dance attire. If additional assistance is needed, please don't hesitate to reach out to the staff.

Q: How do I secure my student's place in the Pre-Professional Program?

A: Potential Pre Professional Company Members are being seen by audition and pay a non-refundable application fee of \$35. To secure an audition time and date, please visit our website: www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org. Upon acceptance into the program, enrollment is secured by registering online and making the first payment.

Current Company Members of the Pre-Professional Program, upon successful completion of end-of-year juries (Spotlight), are invited to join the program for the upcoming season without a re-audition.

Mid-season invitations to the Pre-Professional Program will be extended only to current ATMTC Academy Conservatory students, made by virtue of merit and on a case by case basis, are at the discretion of the ATMTC Academy faculty, and are based on availability.