



Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Completion for Sewing Essentials and Alterations

Total number of units: 0 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1006.00

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Session 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	VOC ED 360CE	Sewing Essentials	0		This is a Friday morning course.

Total Units 0

Session 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	VOC ED 361CE	Sewing Alterations	0		This is a Friday morning course.

Total Units 0

Degree Path and Requirements:

Non-credit Program: Sewing Essentials and Alterations Certificate of Achievement. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with counselors. [Academic Counseling](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with financial aid for eligibility. [Financial Aid & Scholarship Office](#).

Department Advising Notes:

The Sewing Essentials and Alterations Certificate of Achievement is a non-credit program which can lead to the credit costume program in the Theatre Arts Department. In the credit program there is an Associate of Arts Degree in Theatre Arts with a costume emphasis, an Associate of Arts Degree in Theatre Arts for Transfer with a costume focus, and a Certificate of Achievement in Costume Design and Technology. There are related stackable Skills Certificates available in this program entitled Costume Design Skills Certificate, Wardrobe Skills Certificate, and Costume Technology Skills Certificate. These certificates better prepare students for a professional portfolio for internship and employment opportunities.

Program Description

The Sewing Essentials and Alterations Certificate of Achievement provides students with basic skills in sewing and garment alterations. This non-credit program can lead to the credit Costume program in the Theatre Arts Department.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Students that obtain this certificate will be able to pursue entry-level positions in sewing and garment alterations. Job titles include Seamstress, Dressmakers, Alterations Expert, Alteration Sewer, Custom Dressmaker, Hand Sewer and Custom Sewers.

Job descriptions include: fit and study garments on customers to determine required alterations, sew garments using needles and thread or sewing machines, measure parts such as sleeve or pants legs and mark or pin-fold alteration lines, take up or let down hems to shorten or lengthen garment parts and let out or take in seams in suits and other garments to improve fit.

Entry level hourly wages are between \$10.86 and \$13.99. Experienced workers earn between \$25.56 and \$64.06.

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Visit the Transfer Center for transfer and guaranteed transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. [Transfer Center](#). Make an appointment with a counselor for transfer information. [Transfer Counseling Services](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

[WICKED Costumes: Design/Build](#)

[Working in Theatre: Costume Designer](#)

[Working in the Theatre: Odd Jobs](#)

[Costume Design: The Workroom](#)

[An Overview of the Costume Department](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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