

Backstage Training Program

The Backstage Training Program is a paid, hands-on introductory program open to residents of Prince Edward Island, 18 years and over, who are unemployed or under-employed.

No experience is necessary, but an interest in theatre/the arts is helpful, and the training will be given in English.

Participants do not necessarily need to be Canadian citizens or permanent residents (international students may apply!), but must be unemployed or under-employed, and currently living in P.E.I.

We are particularly interested in welcoming members of communities that have traditionally been under-represented in our industry, and who have faced systemic barriers to training opportunities and exposure to the arts. Diversity promotes creativity, dialogue, and collaboration among our communities and that is at the core of Confederation Centre's vision.

There are one-week or two-week training sessions available in six (6) of the traditional theatre production departments: Video, Props, Sound, Carpentry, Lighting, and Wardrobe.

In addition, one participant from each group (with the exception of Video) will be selected for a paid internship at The Charlottetown Festival, working on one of the summer's productions (May-June, 2021, exact dates TBC).

The training dates are as follows:

- Video (1 week) May 3 -7, 2021
- Props (2 weeks) May 3-14, 2021
- Sound (1 week) May 10-17, 2021
- Lighting (1 week) May 17-21, 2021
- Carpentry (2 weeks) May 17-29, 2021
- Wardrobe (2 weeks) May 25-June 4, 2021

Summary:

- Wage is minimum wage (\$13.00) for 30 hours per week of training;
- Tentative schedule is Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with lunch from 12 p.m.-1 p.m., but this may vary slightly, depending on the specific department.
- Open to current residents of PEI who are unemployed or underemployed, and 18 years of age or older.
- Those able to work legally may apply (open to those on student and work visas)
- These program hours are EI eligible;
- Individuals may apply for and be selected for more than 1 session/department;
- All applications must be received by March 31, 2021;

Applications can be made online via a Google Form, using this link:

<https://forms.gle/xmAAeoZmtyFzsTa86> or visit www.confederationcentre.com/careers

Should you have any questions, or would like to know more details, please contact Sarah Denman-Wood, associate producer, or Sam Doyle, human resources manager at training@confederationcentre.com.