Those who can, teach.

SFA’s Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre with all-level (grades K-12) teacher certification prepares students to lead classrooms in elementary and secondary schools. Upon graduation, they are ready to direct educational theatre productions and to create scenery, costumes, lighting, props and makeup for their shows. No SFA student ever competes with a graduate student in theatre for a production opportunity, and new students (including freshmen) are encouraged to audition from day one. Qualified teacher-certification students are welcome in every theatre course offered on the SFA campus. All are urged to participate in our extensive production programs as performers, crew members and leaders, stage managers and designers. They gain directing experience working as staff for our renowned High School Summer Theatre Workshop and in our busy student production season. The program culminates in an on-site internship and student teaching placement where students work directly with outstanding theatre teachers at some of the best schools in Texas.

Audition for or work on over 20 shows a year:

12 to 16 student-directed studio-scale 10-minute plays each year
Six to eight student-directed, black-box one-act and full-length plays each year
Eight or nine faculty- or professionally directed shows each year

Our alumni teach at schools all over Texas, including these and many more:
- Alief Hastings High School
- Beckendorf Middle School (Katy)
- Brownsboro H.S.
- Crandall H.S. and Middle School
- Cypress Woods H.S.
- Cypress Lakes H.S.
- Davila Middle School (Bryan)
- Focus Learning Academy (Oak Cliff)
- Frisco H.S.
- Hemphill H.S.
- Lufkin Middle School
- McNeil H.S. (Round Rock)
- Nacogdoches H.S.
- Poteet H.S. (Mesquite)
- Seven Lakes H.S. (Katy)
- Tomball H.S.
- Tuloso Midway H.S. (Corpus Christi)
- Wagner H.S. (San Antonio)
At SFA, future drama teachers become confident professionals with a wide-ranging command of the knowledge and skills they will need to ensure their own students’ success. Every student takes at least one course in each of these areas: acting, directing, stagecraft, costuming, lighting, makeup, design, theatre speech, movement, play analysis, and theatre history. Elective options include sound technology and stage management, as well as opportunities to deepen learning in any theatrical sub-discipline. A course in children’s theatre is an essential part of the curriculum. Every student in this program directs at least one play and gets experience working directly with high school students in our summer theatre camp. Those interested in working with younger students are welcome to teach in our summer day camp, Junior Jacks. To earn certification, students also take an intensive series of courses in education and child development.

Production opportunities of all kinds are practically boundless at SFA, and teacher certification students are welcome to participate in all roles at all levels. New students (including freshmen) are eligible to audition or work on crews. Beyond the Mainstage Series that includes major musicals, Shakespeare, modern comedy and drama, there is our SummerStage Festival with its children’s theatre and light fare, The Fredonia Players (our Shakespeare community outreach troupe), and the Festival of New American Plays in which SFA students work directly with world-famous playwrights on their newest creations. In recent years we’ve added a broadcast (and podcast) radio drama to our repertoire. Most of our smaller-cast plays are student-directed. All theatre majors work behind the scenes in a variety of ways and are encouraged to audition for everything. SFA’s comedy-improvisation club, Improv Strikes Back, performs on campus and in local venues. From generous scholarships to participation in SFA’s School of Honors, nearly all of the opportunities open to other theatre majors are available to those pursuing teacher certification. Students focusing on theatre education have the chance to attend talks with guest speakers (like the Emmy Award-winning actors Anthony Zerbe and Margo Martindale), to work with professional guest artists (like award-winning Equity actor David Studwell and internationally acclaimed director Chuck Hudson) and to take masterclasses with top professionals in performance skills, costuming, lighting, playwriting, auditioning and more. In recent years, teacher certification candidates have been among the winners of the most prestigious awards and scholarships conferred by the School of Theatre and the College of Fine Arts. At SFA, talent and commitment make the difference more than the academic concentration you choose.

SFA’S THEATRE FACULTY includes award-winning teachers as well as deeply experienced scholars, professional actors, directors, designers and writers. Our alumni include successful educators at all levels, including a past president of the Texas Educational Theatre Association and winners of the TETA High School Educator of the Year, Founders and Emeritus Awards. And our current students are the friendliest, hardest working, most talented and most mutually supportive bunch you’ll encounter anywhere. Find us at facebook.com/SFATheatre and they will tell you themselves what it’s like to go to school here.