

Course Description

TPP1170 | Beginning Characterization | 3.00 credits

A course which builds upon the centered foundation of creating a role developed in TPP1100 and TPP1110. The student uses a subjective approach to creating a character which differs from him/her physically, culturally and psychologically. He/she attempts ever greater degrees of transformation. Prerequisite: TPP1110.

Competencies:

Course Competency 1: The student will demonstrate basic knowledge of character traits by:

- 1. Defining physical traits of a character different than their own
- 2. Defining psychological traits and perceptions of a character different than their own
- 3. Identifying political, social, and cultural traits of a character different than their own

Competency 2: The student will apply the physical and inner life of the character by:

- 1. Demonstrating physical movement patterns that serve the character and story that differ from theirs
- 2. Demonstrating psychological thought patterns, perceptions, and behaviors that serve the character and story that differ from their own
- 3. Display capacity for delivery of the language code used by the writer to express the character in the world of the play/musical

Competency 3: The student will analyze the structure and special dramatic world of the play by:

- 1. Determining the dramatic circumstances, dramatic structure, and themes in the text
- 2. Applying the dramatic circumstances, dramatic structure, and themes in the text in the material's performance
- 3. Creating character backstory inferred or implied in the text

Competency 4: The student will synthesize characterization techniques by:

- 1. Displaying acquired skills in class projects and performances
- 2. Evaluating characterization effectiveness in in-class performance

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities

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