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acting school

TURN
YOUR
PASSION
INTO
YOUR
CAREER

Viewbook

BUSINESS MEETS ART

VAS instructors are well educated in their respective fields — seasoned professionals who work on projects all over the world.

At Vancouver Acting School, we aim to empower creative individuals with the artistic and business skills required to be successful in today's competitive arts industries.

Our Mission

The secret to happiness is, in fact, not a secret at all. You simply need to find what you are passionate about, what you truly love doing, and then create a life where that is what you do every day.

We want to see you working professionally in a career that excites and motivates you every day. Every person should be able to do what they love, so we work with our students to not just have them become better artists, but become working professionals in the arts.

For those who chose to pursue careers as professional artists, it is essential to combine the art of business with the skills that make up your craft. It is the successful application of that business knowledge in conjunction with your artistic ability that allows you to enjoy a full life doing what you love.

If you've found something that you are passionate about, you can absolutely make a career out of it! Vancouver Acting School (VAS) is a thriving collaborative arts community focused on mentoring the next generation of creative industry professionals, providing a unique opportunity for actors, writers, and many other creative individuals to develop their skills together.

Our programs are designed to provide you with the skills that you need to do what you love, and get paid doing it. When you commit to studying the artistic, technical and business elements of the arts in concert with one another, there is no limit to what can be accomplished!



Learn the tools that professionals use on a daily basis through seminars and one-on-one sessions.

At VAS, you'll have an incredible time on the journey to the career of your dreams.

“ My training absolutely prepared me to work alongside actors I look up to. It gave me the confidence to know I deserved to be in that room. I was working with actors I admired and that I was excited to be with, but the disciplines we learned helped me focus on the fact that we're all doing the same thing.

— **Montana Norberg**, Alumni
Lego Star Wars



Financing & Student Aid

Scholarships and Bursaries

VAS is a designated institution by the Private Training Institutions Branch from the government of BC. This has allowed many of our past students and graduates to successfully receive a number of different scholarships and bursaries, like BC's Passport to Education and Alberta's Alexander Rutherford Scholarship. Check with your provincial student aid site to see what options are available to you.

RESPs

Registered Educational Savings Plans are available for Vancouver Acting School Students. VAS is a Designated Educational Institution where you may redeem your RESP funding. Please contact your RESP provider for details and our student services team will help you with the rest.

Student Lines of Credit

Most Canadian banks and financial institutions offer student lines of credit at comparable rates and repayment terms as an alternative to Government Loans. Student Lines of Credit can also be used to provide additional funding for living expenses throughout your studies.

Canadian Financial Aid

VAS is able to guide you through every step of the student loan process, assisting you with both the federal and provincial opportunities for support. Any student enrolled in our full-time programs are eligible. Begin the process by contacting the loan office of the province you most recently resided in for twelve consecutive months. Student loans are available to Canadian citizens and those landed immigrants with Permanent Resident status.



\$3.4 billion industry in BC
employing over **60,000***

ACTING

We'll teach you to be a lead actor, a character actor, and a paid actor.

Theatre Conservatory/Comedy Conservatory

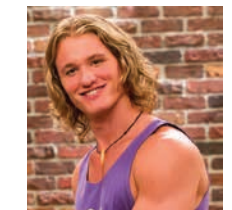
9-Month Diploma

Our "next level" programs are designed to exceptionally enhance the actor's tool belt unlike any other. These conservatory programs create diversity in the actor's abilities as well as offer an elevated level of expertise in specific fields, giving students an enormous competitive advantage in both traditional auditions and in generating their own work.

Program Features:

- Multiple live performance opportunities
- Audition for a professional theatre company or comedy troupe after graduation
- Comprehensive approach to preparation and performance
- Free mentoring for your entire career
- Train in one of Vancouver's busiest casting studios

A VAS ALUMNUS SAYS...



Dylan Playfair

“ I have a lot of respect for VAS. The one-on-one coaching and support I received from my teachers was incredible. And the fact that they were actively booking roles while they were teaching us was hugely motivating. Hugely valuable was sitting in class and breaking down scripts from the actor's, writer's, and director's point of view. From every angle — the auditioning side, the viewer's perspective. Every day on set now, I see the value of the training I received then.

— **Dylan Playfair**,
Letterkenny, Some Assembly Required, Disney's Descendants 2 & 3

“ From my very first day teaching at VAS, I was blown away by the specificity and detailed precision that goes into the curriculum and ongoing progressive education planning. It's not surprising to see alumni and graduates finish their schooling and begin successful careers with the massive amount of contacts, tools, and knowledge that are bestowed upon them. It's pretty remarkable to learn your audition skills with top-tier, working artists in the field, and be in the actual building and rooms you will audition in after you graduate. It creates a sense of familiarity and confidence in the actor that translates to bookings and actual work in the industry. Quite frankly, it would have been awesome when I was in school to have a program this diverse, practical, and relevant.

— **Zahf Paroo**, Instructor

Our acting program teaches you the many rewards of acting, including the financial ones.

Film, Television, and Voice-Over

6-Month Diploma

The difference between an actor and a professional actor is the ability to generate income from your work. This program is a combination of not only the classic skills and modern techniques required to do the job, but the business savvy to ensure you are able to work consistently throughout your career.

Program Features:

- Scene Study, On-Camera Auditioning, Voice-Over, Business, Voice & Movement, Improv, Dialect, Text Analysis
- Industry guest speakers from a variety of professions
- Graduate with a voice-over demo and on-camera audition scenes on tape
- Free mentoring for your entire career
- Train in one of Vancouver's busiest casting studios



Daniel Bacon, Instructor



Jordan Connor, Alumnus

Our students work in an active casting studio, giving them opportunities that don't exist anywhere else. This has our alumni working throughout the industry, like *Riverdale's* **Jordan Connor** (above).

Learn from instructors who are current working actors, like **Daniel Bacon** (at left) from Disney's, *The BFG*.



Colin Mochrie, Guest Speaker



Gina Harms, Alumna

SCREENWRITING

450+ active TV & Film productions in BC*



Start writing your own success story today.

Screenwriting

1-Year Diploma

For every creative element of screenwriting, there is a corresponding business component. Screenwriters are the architects of a film, writing and designing the blueprint upon which every other part of the filmmaking process will be built upon. This program will teach you how to better flesh out your ideas, harness your creative abilities, build compelling characters and worlds, and turn them into scripts that industry players are looking for. Along with practical hands on work, and critique from fellow screenwriters, we'll teach you the essential business and industry know-how that will allow you to become a professional.

Program Features:

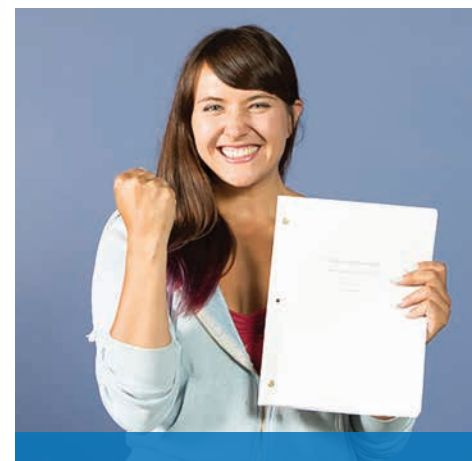
- Learn to write sitcoms, feature films, one-hour dramas, Movies of the Week, and web content
- Train on the software writers are using today
- Graduate with a portfolio of scripts
- Free mentoring for your entire career
- Career planning and business skills

Learn from and work every day alongside professional writers in an active casting studio that is filled with actors, directors, and producers. The opportunities when training at VAS are unmatched.

“ The writing program is intensive, it requires active participation. It's 100% the case that what you put into it is what you'll get out of it. And it's easy to think you don't need training, but every single profession continues to need and take training. That's how you stay successful. If someone tells me they don't need training to be a good writer, that's a sign to me that they probably do.

— Jesse Boyko, Screenwriting Program Alumnus

Knowing how to turn that great story idea into a script that sells is equal parts art, science, and business. Screenwriters are the architects of a film, writing and designing the blueprint that every other part of the filmmaking process is built upon.



“ This school helped me realize that screenwriting could actually be a real career if I was willing to put myself out there and make it happen!”

— Lawrence Davidson, Screenwriting Program Alumnus

Learn to take your vision to reality in 12 short months.



Which program is right for me?

If you aren't sure about what program is right for you, or you want to check out the school before applying, you can audit any of our programs for free. Get the full Vancouver Acting School experience by sitting in on one of our classes, meeting current students, and learning from some of the best in the industry. Call **604-564-7242** and speak to an admissions advisor to book a date.



How to Apply

What do I love?

Choose one of our programs you want to take to turn your passion into your career.

What do I need?

Acting programs require an audition either in person or by Skype, while Screenwriting requires a writing sample. Check out the Vancouver Acting School website to see the exact details, and contact us today with either your submission, or to book an audition.

How do I start?

Simply click the Apply Now button on our homepage, fill out the application form, and submit.

Questions?

If you have any questions on how to apply, what to submit, on any of our programs, student loans or housing, call the Admissions Team at **604-564-7242** and we'll walk you through the steps.



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