

PROFESSIONAL STUDIO ARTIST

The Professional Studio Artist (PSA) program prepares individuals for careers as independent studio artists and business owners, designers, performers and studio technicians. The curriculum offers technical, design, product development and performance classes in a variety of disciplines coupled with business, marketing and management courses. Class work will cover the history and traditions of music, basic studio development and technology requirements. Students will acquire the necessary technical proficiencies, creative problem solving, business skills, production processes and the knowledge to apply these aspects to careers in the music field.

The AAS degree program prepares a student to begin work as a professional bluegrass and traditional musician in the areas of performance, touring, studio recording, studio engineering, and song writing. The program also provides training in music business, management and event promotion while providing the student preparation to pursue a four-year degree. Program studies will offer in-depth mentoring and “real world” performance situations for solo, ensemble, and instrumental musicians as well as recording session set-up, sound enhancement and band management.

The diploma in Bluegrass & Traditional Studio Artist and the certificates in Audio Recording and Bluegrass & Traditional Music Fundamentals will afford students the opportunity to acquire training in the basics of performance, recording, songwriting and management. The diploma and certificate programs signify that the student possesses a basic understanding of the major components necessary for an entry-level career in Bluegrass and Traditional Music.

Documentation of digital literacy as defined by KCTCS is required prior to enrolling in the first PSA course.

Degrees

- Professional Studio Artist-Bluegrass & Traditional Music - AAS (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/professional-studio-artist/professional-studio-artist-bluegrass-and-traditional-music/>)

Diplomas

- Bluegrass & Traditional Studio Artist - Diploma (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/professional-studio-artist/bluegrass-traditional-studio-artist-diploma/>)

Certificates

- Audio Recording - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/professional-studio-artist/audio-recording-certificate/>)
- Bluegrass & Traditional Music Fundamentals - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/professional-studio-artist/bluegrass-traditional-music-fundamentals-certificate/>)