Fundamentals of Theatre, Samone T. Norsworthy, Ed. D.
Grade Levels Served – 7-12 & Adults
Number of Students 20
Fee Structure - \$50 per student
Program Length – 8 Weeks
Facility Requirements – Meeting space, Tables & Chairs, and Performance
Space

Course Purpose – enhance understanding of theatre by producing specific theatre styles in depth with performance opportunities.

Course Learning Objectives

- Recognize and interpret artistic choices in performance
- Assess the need for script analysis, concept development, and directorial and technical concerns of a theatrical script.
- Create and perform play for audiences
- Identify and apply the various aspects of directing, staging, performance spaces, and rehearsal management.
- Examine how theatre reflects real life.

Abbreviated Sample Lesson Plan For Community Theatre One Act

Week One – Select One Act Play, considering audience, time of year, performance location, cast availability, and resources.

Week Two – Analyze script, block script (performance space dependent), and prepare and post audition flyers.

Week Three – Audition and Cast the Play – confirm performance dates and location.

Week Four – Begin Rehearsals, establish crew members, determine needs for sets, props, costumes, etc.

Week Five – Continue Rehearsals – begin set builds, costume and prop acquisition.

Week Six – Continue Rehearsals – design, print and post flyers and posters. Create social media posts, etc. Begin ticket sales.

Week Seven – Technical Week – Rehearsal intensifies as technical staff are brought on. Two dress rehearsals at the end of the technical week.

Week Eight – Perform three shows including one matinée.