

I want to be an . . . Actor

Initial Career Steps:

- Whether you want to act in film, for the theater, or in commercials, a good first step toward an acting career is professional acting lessons or group classes. Nearly all community colleges offer relatively low-cost courses in acting. You could also develop your acting skills by participating in community theater workshops or taking lessons with a private tutor.
- The best way to improve your skills is to practice. To get the most out of your practice, take note of the things you've done well and the things you may still need to work on. Practice in front of your friends, your family, and your fellow actors and ask for feedback.
- Participate in local plays or, if you're a student, your school's theater productions. Take your acting career one small step at a time.
- Be on constant lookout for auditioning opportunities and attend as many auditions as you possibly can. Constant auditioning is a great way to practice and it's also a good way to make contacts with other actors and casting directors.
- Not many people become successful actors overnight. Set your short-term and long-term goals. Focusing too much on completing the long-term goals may leave you feeling overwhelmed. Short-term goals can be as simple as going to an audition or memorizing a monologue.

Local Resources:



-- Now Playing Austin has a Classifieds Auditions List:
<http://www.nowplayingaustin.com>

-- Texas Film Commission has a Job Hotline that lists Casting Calls:
<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/film>

--Texas Actors Workshop
<http://www.texasactorsworkshop.com>