

OVERVIEW

The Teaching Artist Certification Program is directed by Mississippi Whole Schools, a program of the Mississippi Arts Commission. The program trains teaching artists in the Mississippi Whole Schools approach to arts integration, with a focus on increasing the effectiveness of interactions between teaching artists and preK-12 learning institutions.

Certification includes intense and comprehensive training to address four Arts Integration Competencies for Teaching Artists.

This certification provides several benefits for teaching artists, including recognition by MAC as certified in arts integration, the opportunity to collaborate with other professionals in the field, and the ability to enhance student learning through the arts. These benefits can lead to an increase in visibility among stakeholders, on-the-job training experience, and the ability to develop a professional portfolio.

MODULES

The program is organized into three basic modules: Arts Integration Foundations, Teaching and Learning, and Leadership.

DETAILS

Participants are accepted to the program through a detailed application process. Once accepted, participants will engage in training centered around five dynamic projects developing skills in lesson development, teaching, marketing and promotion, and personal professional growth

Through the completion of these projects, teaching artists will improve their arts-integrated teaching skills and create more rigorous learning experiences for their students.

RESIDENCY

The cornerstone of the program is the successful completion of an artist residency. A residency for the certification is a multi-day program in a school setting where the teaching artist works with a classroom teacher to provide arts-integrated learning



Mississippi Whole Schools
Teaching Artist Certification Program

experiences for students. The residency provides teachers the chance to learn about using art forms in their teaching and students the opportunity to learn core content through the arts while developing their creative skills. The residency is an instructional tool that benefits both teachers and students. Teachers will develop their skills in teaching through the arts, and students will learn through hands-on experiences.

