

To Whom It May Concern,

Actors Centre Australia is one of Australia leading performing arts institutions with Hugh Jackman as Patron. In 2022 as part of the Arts Council Australia's grants for Social and Community Participation - Bus Stop Films who deliver award-winning Accessible Film Studies Program, partnered with Actors Centre Australia to develop, and implement a first of its kind acting program written by two leading acting teachers and students from Bus Stop Films.

In early 2023 we partnered again and produced a successful 20-week program which provided a minimum of 65 hours of workshops and culminated in a professional theatre public performance to casting agents within the performing arts industry, and an industry self-tape that may lead top professional workplace opportunities. The Program ran from February to July 2023. It was open to individuals 17 years of age or older who have a mild to moderate intellectual disability.

With the success of our 20-week program and the thirst for this program, we are now offering a 10-week program from September to November (min 32.5 hours), which will focus on theatre elements and public performance. It is open to those 17 years or older who have a mild to moderate intellectual disability.

Whilst the Accessible Acting program offers students a professional acting structured experience with performance it offers many transformational outcomes including improved confidence, literacy, teamwork collaboration, creative thinking, improved ability to articulate emotion, social and work-ready skills. Actors Centre Australia is not a registered NDIS provider, the program is not VET accredited and is not required to be aligned to the ASQA training and assessment framework.

From 2023, the 10-week Program fees are \$2,900 GST inclusive per student. Which includes, a one-off non-refundable enrolment fee of \$300.00 to be paid upfront. The students are required to be self-managed, or plan managed. We encourage participants to gain funding under Social Community and Participation in Core Funding if they wish to pay via their NDIS plans.

Enrolment in the program is for the full 10-week program, however, we allow payment to be made on a per five-week payment term basis. All payments must be made within 30 days of receipt of invoice or incur a 2% late fee per day. While the classrooms are supported by Support Workers, students who require specific support such as Auslan Interpreters, Live Captioning, one-on- one support, etc. will need to fund these through their own NDIS packages.

Accessible Acting Program: Actors Centre Australia Acting School provides an acting school experience and whilst Actors Centre Australia is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) this Program is not VET accredited or required to be aligned to the ASQA training and assessment framework. It is a private sector program. It should not be rejected for consideration on the grounds that it is an educational or training support. It may be funded as a NDIS support where it satisfies the s34 "reasonable and necessary" test in the circumstances of an individual participant.

Visit website <https://busstopfilms.com.au/> to learn more about our programs, films and impact and Actors Centre Australia <https://www.actorscentreaustralia.com.au/> that outlines its program, culture and rich history within the performing arts market.

Sincerely,



Anthony Kierann

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