As a secondary teacher of creative arts subjects, you have the opportunity to share your talents and knowledge of all things creative with the next generation of aspiring artists, critics and historians in the world of visual and performing arts.

You'll generally specialise in one of the following subjects for students in Years 7-12:

- dance *
- drama *
- music
- visual arts

* Dance and drama teachers may also teach a second subject outside the creative arts area, such as English, history, or PD/H/PE.

You’ll be using your special interests and talents to play a major role in coordinating and participating in a wide range of cultural activities both within and outside the school, including concerts, dance performances, art exhibitions, plays and musicals.

**Getting there**

You are encouraged to complete your studies at the Higher School Certificate level in the creative subject/s you would like to teach.

You will also need to complete, through a recognised higher education institution, a major (i.e., three years of degree-level study) including both practical and theory courses, in at least one of the subjects in the creative arts, plus at least one year of professional studies in teaching that includes creative arts (Years 7-12) teaching methodology.

**Degree options**

- an undergraduate degree, and a graduate entry teacher education program such as a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary), or a Master of Teaching (Secondary); or,
- an integrated undergraduate program such as a four-year Bachelor of Education (Secondary) which includes both subject content studies and teacher education; or,
- an undergraduate double degree program such as a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).

Of course, your employment opportunities will be maximised if you are able to teach in more than one of the creative arts subjects.

Further information about the requirements to become a teacher in NSW, including approved initial teacher education programs, can be found on the NSW Institute of Teachers website at www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au.