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HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Introduction

This programme is designed for students who are passionate about the art of circus and physical theatre and are committed to pursuing a career in this field. Our goal is to create a diverse and inclusive community of students who are dedicated to excellence in their craft. Our admissions policy should be read in conjunction with the Bath Spa University [admissions policy](#) which applies to the FdA and BA programmes.

Admission Requirements

- **UCAS Application:** All applicants for the FdA and BA must register with UCAS and complete and submit the UCAS application form by the specified deadline. This form includes personal information, academic background, and a personal statement.
- **Academic Qualifications:** Applicants must hold or be working towards A levels, BTEC Advanced Diploma or other Level 3 qualifications, with (predicted) grades equalling 48 UCAS points. If an applicant does not hold the required Level 3 qualifications but is over 21 and can demonstrate suitable depth of work or other circus experience, they may be able to submit an application that

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accredits their prior experience. This process is called APEL (accreditation of prior experiential learning).

- **Audition:** All applicants for the BTEC, FdA and BA programmes must attend an audition in person or via video submission. The audition will assess the applicant's physical ability, creativity, and potential as a performer. Auditions for FdA are usually in person and usually take place over two days, BTEC auditions are usually carried out virtually, and BA auditions are usually in person.
- **Interview:** Applicants who are invited to the audition stage will also be invited for an interview with the Director of Education and Training or faculty members. The interview assesses the applicant's motivation, passion, and commitment to the programme.
- **English Language Proficiency:** Applicants whose first language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency by submitting CEFR or IELTS scores.
- **International Students:** Circomedia does not hold UKVI sponsor status which means that we **cannot** accept applications from any student who requires a visa to study in the UK. Only students who are UK nationals, Irish nationals, settled or pre-settled EU nationals or [some listed groups on the UKVI website](#) may be accepted onto one of our accredited programmes of study.

Selection Process

The selection process is highly competitive and is based on a combination of academic qualifications, audition, interview, and English language proficiency. The programme admits a limited number of students each year. Admission decisions are made by a panel of faculty members based on the following criteria:

1. Artistic potential and talent in circus and physical theatre
2. Motivation, passion, and commitment to the programme
3. Academic qualifications and potential for success in the programme
4. Fitness and stamina to cope with a physically demanding programme
5. Diversity and inclusion

Notification

Applicants will be notified of their admission status by email within three weeks of the audition and interview.

Acceptance and Enrolment

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Accepted students must confirm their acceptance by the specified deadline. They must also submit all requested documents, such as transcripts, proof of physiotherapy assessment, etc. Students are responsible for arranging their own health insurance and must enrol in a timely fashion.