Cutter/Draper

Job Code 00007047

General Description
Responsible for cutting, draping, and drafting patterns for construction of theatrical costumes according to designer’s specifications.

Examples of Duties
Make flat and draped patterns for theatrical costumes.
Transfer the pattern to costume.
Cut and stitch body block.
Fit mock-up of costume.
Change shape of mock-up to design.
Cut all costumes out of fabric.
Stitch costumes not assigned to students.
Serge all costume seams.
Meet with the designers to discuss and clarify sketches.
Meet with supervisor and shop assistants to discuss production assignments.
Supervise costume fitting on actors.
Decorate and trim costumes.
Press and alter costumes as needed.
Perform other duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
Knowledge of: Tailoring and creating specific design elements on costumes; historical patterns in costume shapes and fabrics; theater and plays and the relationship with costumes.

Ability to: Read textbooks, designers’ instructions, information about performances; accurately record measurements, making notations on pattern pieces; write instructions for stitchers; measure actors, draft patterns, and estimate yardage of fabric and other materials needed; instruct students about costume construction; draw and draft patterns and costume ideas; cut and drape according to patterns and design; fit and adjust costumes to fit actors; decorate and add finishing touches; serge and finish seams of costumes; alter and repair costumes; construct period undergarments; see shapes and relationships to apply to two-dimensional shapes; work under deadlines; teach students about costume construction.

Experience and Education
To qualify for this classification, an individual must possess any combination of experience and education that would likely produce the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Other Requirements