COLLEEN MCDERMOTT

Theatre Educator

EXPERIENCE

Sep 2025 Dec 2025

STUDENT TEACHER

IS 96 Seth Low Intermediate School | New York, NY

- Worked in a self-contained class helping students develop literacy skills through theatre
- Promoted student learning by creating multimodal lessons to allow students multiple entry points to new material based on learning styles
- Worked to make language and lessons comprehensible to all students by providing materials in their primary language
- Fostered productive relationships with students, leading to better student engagement

Aug 2015 Aug 2019

CAMP COUNSELOR

Pediatric Therapy Network | Rolling Hills, CA

• Worked as a group leader, volunteer coordinator, and one-on-one buddy for campers ages 5-14 with diverse special needs ranging from physical disabilities to cognitive impairments

EDUCATION

Aug 2017 Jun 2020

AA THEATRE

El Camino College | Torrance, CA

- GPA 3.3
- 3 semesters on the Dean's List
- Chosen to direct a one-act play on the mainstage in Fall 2020

Aug 2021 May 2024

BFA MUSICAL THEATRE

Southeast Missouri State University

| Cape Girardeau, MO

- GPA 3.95 (institution)/ 3.62 (overall with transfer credits)
- On the Dean's or President's list for all 6 semesters
- Graduated Cum Laude
- Treasurer for the Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honors Society for 2 years

Sep 2024 Present

MA EDUCATIONAL THEATRE K-12 INITIAL CERTIFICATION

New York University | New York, NY

- Member of Kappa Delta Pi honors society
- Member of NYU's Shakespeare to Go touring company, Spring 2026

DIRECTING

Thicker Than Water (Director) - El Camino College: Night of One Acts

Yeast Nation (Fight Director/Associate Director) - Dobbins Conservatory at Southeast Missouri State University

Henry V Staged Reading (Director/Fight Director) - Dobbins Conservatory at Southeast Missouri State University

COURSES/MASTER CLASSES/INTENSIVES

Voice: Dr. Jenna Lee Moore, Ryan Townsend, Roxanne Wellington, Kevin Blickfeldt

Acting: Kenneth Stilson, Roxanne Wellington, Bart Williams, Kitt Lavoie, Tim Nicolai, Ron Scarlata

Directing: Kitt Lavoie, Ron Scarlata, Amy Cordileone

Dance: Lauren Jones, Thomas Proctor, Philip Edgecombe, Eden Hildebrand

Stage Combat: Bart Williams, Lily Blouin, Kev McCurdy, Christopher Kuss, Alex Burke, Bessie Zolno, Thomas Proctor

Accents and Dialects: Roxanne Wellington

Acting in New Musicals: Lonny Price

Audition Intensive: Lindsey Mendez

Rapier Dagger/Fights and Firearms for Film: Kev McCurdy

Dueling Arts International National Summer Conference: Christopher Kuss, Alex Burke, Bessie Zolno, Thomas Proctor

 Certifications earned in Rapier Dagger, Single Rapier, Smallsword, Broadsword, Quarterstaff, and Unarmed ccmcd99@gmail.com

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SKILLS

- Inclusive Education
- Directing
- Singing
- Stage Combat
- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Theatre Production
- Project Management