

KTXT FM DJ TRAINING

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•Three components:

Video
Group training
Shift supervision

• Students can sign up during Student Welcome Day.

• All COMC student orgs are present and have sheets to note contact information for interested parties.

• Videos

- Watched prior to group training:
- <u>Setting up the board</u> 5 minutes
- <u>NexGen</u> 10 minutes
- Finishing your shift 4 minutes
- If a person shows up for training and hasn't watched the vid sent home.
 - Securing a shift is very competitive due to limited availability!

- Group Training
- Occurs on a weekend after Student Welcome Day
 - Students sign up for a training time slot.
- KTXT staffers music director and technical/training operations typically conduct the training with four students at a time:
 - Board operations
 - Show setup/music/when to show up for shifts
 - Talking live on air!
 - Help sheets on the wall
 - Other do's and don't's
- Each student takes a turn at the board and then observes others afterward.
- Rinse and repeat with all volunteers.

- Group Training Wrap Up
- Once group training is completed, students meet with the operations director to:
 - Sign up for a shift
 - Sign the on-air conduct form
 - Request/receive a co-host
- At the end of the training day, the operations director emails volunteers with the first show date, co-host name, and shift supervisor name.

- More training ensues:
- First two weeks of the show, the shift supervisor sits in Master Control with the DJs to:
 - Provide advice
 - Help should a problem occur
 - Watch show setup
 - Prevents bad habits
 - Make sure music is playing
 - Not stuck in an indefinite pause
 - Make sure the mic gets turned off after breaks!



 After the first two weeks, the shift supervisor can remain in MC or sit in Main Studio.

- Training approaches:
- Each DJ hosts the show for 30 minutes while the other acts as a co-host.
- DJs will rotate weeks where they host the show for the full hour while the other acts as a co-host.

- After paying dues as a volunteer DJ for a year:
- Students can propose a personal show for consideration.
- Shift supervision still occurs.



Training approaches:

- Advanced DJ training planned:
 - How to use control panels to run bumper music.
 - Using faders to fade between songs for better transitions.
 - Talking over song intro or outro.



Thanks for having me!