



Diploma in Dance Teaching Studies

Programme summary

Designed to extend knowledge, understanding and practice of dance teaching across a range of contexts and genres, this programme will prepare you for working in an increasingly diverse employment market.

The programme offers opportunities to study dance teaching and education in depth, to reflect on practice, to explore new areas of dance teaching and to specialise your knowledge by choosing from a range of module options.

The Diploma in Dance Teaching Studies is offered part-time over two years through distance learning, enabling you to study alongside personal and professional commitments. You will receive one-to-one support from experienced tutors, with opportunities for collaborative study using online forums. Each module is supported by a comprehensive study guide and online materials.

Your student experience

In Year 1, you will learn about a range of learning and teaching as applied to practical dance teaching, and put these into practice in your teaching placement. You can select from a range of module options to tailor your studies to your needs. In the first year, you can choose from either ballet studies or dance science, in order to develop your expertise and research interests.

Duration

2 years part-time

Start

January 2023

Apply by

1 August 2022

1 June 2022 via
concessionary entry

Language

English

Location

Distance learning and
teaching placement
(in your country of
residence)

Level/Credits

Levels 5 (120 credits)

Application

Via Registry, Faculty
of Education, RAD

In Year 2, you will explore and engage with dance teaching skills at a more advanced level and have the opportunity to broaden your teaching experience by completing a placement in a new dance context. The module options you can choose from are either music for dance teachers or community dance. These are studied alongside an extended teaching placement in order for you to apply theoretical knowledge to your practical teaching. Finally, you will complete a professional practice module, which will help you to consolidate your learning across the programme, and prepare for future career development.

Programme breakdown

During the programme you will:

- build on current teaching knowledge, understanding and practice of dance teaching in familiar and new contexts
- locate current dance teaching experience within a range of teaching contexts and dance genres
- gain knowledge and understanding of educational and pedagogical theories of learning and teaching, and apply these in practice, reflection and critical evaluation
- gain knowledge and understanding of professional standards and legislative requirements for dance teachers
- gain knowledge and understanding of the skills required to extend current teaching practice
- reflect on your own learning, taking responsibility for continuing professional development

Year 1

Compulsory modules:

- Dance Pedagogy: How Learners Learn, How Teachers Teach
- Dance Pedagogy: Theory to Practice
- Plus one module option

Module options:

- Safe Practice and Enhancing Performance
- Ballet Studies

Year 2

Compulsory modules:

- Extending Teaching Practice
- Evaluating Professional Practice and Values
- Plus one module option

Module options:

- People Dancing: Dance as a Participatory Art Form
- Music for Studio and Stage

Entry requirements

Level 4 dance teaching qualification or equivalent. The RAD welcomes applications from professional dance teachers who do not hold traditional academic qualifications but have equivalent experiential learning.

Appropriate English Language Proficiency test for applicants whose first language is not English.

Assessment mode

Modules are assessed through a variety of practical examinations, written assignments, recorded oral presentations, projects, case studies and teaching portfolios.

Employment prospects

The programme will enhance the profile of dance teachers who operate a portfolio career across different contexts, as well as providing a pathway for further study.

Award

Successful completion of the programme leads to the award of the Diploma in Dance Teaching Studies and eligibility for registration as a dance teacher with the RAD.

Further study and career development

Graduates of the Diploma in Dance Teaching Studies may apply for a place on the BA (Hons) Dance Education and enter the programme at FHEQ Level 5.

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