



# Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching)

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Dance Teaching)

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Dance Teaching)

## Programme summary

The Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching) allows you to further your knowledge and expertise through research in your own practice.

We are one of the first organisations to offer an award at this level, specifically designed for practicing dance teachers.

As a teacher with at least two years' professional dance teaching experience, the programme offers you an opportunity to engage in:

- continuing professional development through completing a higher degree;
- postgraduate research based on your own professional practice;
- career progression which puts you at the forefront of dance education and practice-based research

### Your student experience

The programme begins with a compulsory one-week induction seminar with individual modules being delivered via distance learning through access to the RAD's virtual learning environment. Each module has a study guide which

#### Duration

1–3 years part-time

#### Start

September 2022

#### Apply by

30 April 2022

#### Language

English

#### Location

Distance learning

#### Level/Credits

Level 7 Access Module  
(15 credits)

Level 7 Postgraduate  
Certificate (60 credits)

Level 7 Postgraduate  
Diploma (120 credits)

Level 7 Master's  
(180 credits)

#### Application

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introduces you to key topics, concepts and readings, and leads you through a series of study tasks in preparation for a final assessment. You are allocated a specialist tutor for each module, supporting your studies through regular communication via email, Zoom, online forums and virtual group tutorials. Modules are studied across two semesters per academic year. Learning is flexible in that you study from home during hours which suit your employment and personal commitments.

## Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma Awards

If you would like to study at Master's level (Level 7) but are not ready or able to commit to the full programme, you have the option to study the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma. With successful achievement of the required credits, you are eligible to progress from the Certificate to the Diploma or Master's, and from the Diploma to the Master's.

## Master's Access Module

If you would like a taster of Level 7 before committing to the Master's, you can apply to undertake the Access Module. This is a standalone module which is delivered, tutored and assessed in the same way as all other modules. Experience of the Access Module will enable you to evaluate whether Level 7 study is for you.

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# Programme breakdown

## Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching)

The Master's programme provides you with the opportunity to design and undertake a research-based project of your own choosing within your professional teaching context. The Master's programme can be studied over two or three years.

### Compulsory modules:

- Research Methods
- Dance, Education and Culture
- Research Project

### Module options:

You will undertake three module options (or one module option for holders of a PGCE: Dance Teaching with QTS or international equivalent, or the Professional Dancers' Postgraduate Teaching Certificate with the Master's Access Module).

- Dance Pedagogy
- Leading Learning
- Somatic Approaches to Dance Education
- Society, Politics and Youth Dance
- Inclusive Dance Practice
- Dance in the Private Sector: Its Scope and Influence
- Assessment Issues in Dance Practice
- Laban Studies: Shaping Education Practice
- Dance and Lifelong Learning

## Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Dance Teaching)

The Postgraduate Diploma provides you with an opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills across a broad range of subject areas applied to dance education. The Postgraduate Diploma can be studied over one or two years.

**Compulsory modules:**

- Research Methods
- Dance, Education and Culture

**Module options:**

You will undertake three module options (or two module options for holders of a PGCE: Dance Teaching with QTS or international equivalent, or the Professional Dancers' Postgraduate Teaching Certificate with the Master's Access Module).

**Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Dance Teaching)**

The Postgraduate Certificate introduces you to dance education research and the different approaches and methods involved in practice-based research. You are introduced to the process of reflecting on your own teaching practice, in dialogue with current scholarship, and you have an opportunity to apply newly acquired knowledge and skills to a chosen specialist area within dance education. The Postgraduate Certificate can be studied over one year.

**Compulsory modules:**

- Research Methods
- Dance, Education and Culture

**Module options**

You will undertake one module option.

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# Entry requirements

A good honours degree in dance or a degree with a significant dance component. You should hold a recognised dance teaching qualification, have at least two years' teaching experience and must be employed as a dance teacher for the duration of the programme. We welcome applications from professional dance teachers who do not hold traditional academic qualifications, but have equivalent experiential learning.

An appropriate English Language Proficiency test will be required for applicants whose first language is not English.

**Assessment mode**

Modules are assessed through essays, case studies, portfolios, practical teaching, presentations and small-scale research projects. The Research Project requires submission of a dissertation.

**Employment prospects**

Students on the programme are already in employment on either a full or part-time basis. A Master's qualification can, however, lead to increased employment opportunities and support applications for promotion.

**Award**

Successful completion of 60 credits leads to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Dance Teaching); 120 credits leads to the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Dance Teaching); 180 credits leads to the Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching).

**Further study and career development**

Holders of the Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching) are eligible to study at doctoral level, and may be eligible for registration as a dance teacher with the

RAD. Our graduates gain employment in higher education, present at conferences, pursue new areas of specialism within dance education, instigate positive change in their workplace, educate others in the value of dance education, and contribute to RAD dance teacher training.

## Exemptions and Accredited Prior Learning (APL)

Exemptions and APL are applicable to the Postgraduate Diploma and full Master's programme.

Students who hold a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status, or accepted international equivalent in a relevant subject, are automatically accredited for 30 credits of the Postgraduate Diploma or 60 credits of the Master's programme.

Students who have successfully completed the Professional Dancers' Postgraduate Teaching Certificate with the Master's Access Module are also automatically accredited for 30 credits of the Postgraduate Diploma or 60 credits of the Master's programme.

Students who have Prior Certified or Prior Experiential Learning at Level 7 may apply for APL for up to 45 credits of the Postgraduate Diploma or up to 60 credits of the Master's programme.

Guidance on the application process, associated costs and the application form can be found at [www.royalacademyofdance.org/howtoapply](http://www.royalacademyofdance.org/howtoapply) or you can contact Registry for advice.

## More information

[www.royalacademyofdance.org/mae](http://www.royalacademyofdance.org/mae)

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