



Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Dance Education (with Qualified Teacher Status)

Programme summary

If you want to teach dance in secondary education then this programme is for you.

This programme combines postgraduate studies with initial teacher training to give you a comprehensive preparation for dance teaching. It includes two contrasting teaching placements in secondary schools or colleges, supported by regular periods of study at RAD headquarters in London.

You will be introduced to the standards and requirements for government-recognised Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), and work to fulfil these standards through the duration of your studies. You will be supported by experienced school-based and RAD tutors who will provide valuable, regular feedback on your progress.

On successful completion, you will have gained a postgraduate qualification with QTS and will be eligible to become a registered teacher with the RAD. Graduates from this programme can also apply for the Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching), with 60 credits exemption.

Duration

1 year full-time

Start

September 2022

Apply by

Applications open in October and will close when all places have been filled

Language

English

Location

RAD, London and teaching placements

Level/Credits

60 Credits at FHEQ Level 7 and 600 hours of professional practice

Application

Via [Apply for Teacher Training](#)

Your student experience

The programme comprises 12 weeks of full-time study on-site (in three blocks) at the RAD in London, and 24 weeks (120 days) in two distinct professional placements within schools or colleges covering the 11–19 age range.

Modules taught at the RAD are delivered through practical workshops, lectures and seminars as well as group and individual tutorials. During your placements, you will work alongside school-based tutors who are dance specialists. You will develop your knowledge and skills through a combination of observation, teaching, and discussion with your tutors who will provide support on planning, teaching and self-reflection. Alongside the two contrasting teaching placements, you will also teach across a variety of educational settings including a specialist performing arts school, primary schools, specialist Special Educational Needs and Disability provision schools and a Pupil Referral Unit.

Programme breakdown

The programme comprises three interrelated areas of study

Dance studies

You will extend your knowledge of dance as a subject in secondary education across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. You will study and deliver a selection of dance specifications, courses and curricula including the AQA GCSE and A Level specifications and the BTEC Level 2 and 3 programmes in Performing Arts.

Professional studies

In preparation for teaching, you will be introduced to selected education theories and pedagogies, studying the professional standards and requirements for all teachers working in the state sector in England.

To gain Qualified Teacher Status, you will be required to demonstrate that you have met all the Teachers' Standards legislated by the UK government.

School experience and teaching

The third strand of the programme takes place in our partnership schools and colleges in the form of two school experience and teaching placements. In addition, an Individual Training Plan gives you the opportunity to enhance and enrich personal, practical and teaching skills throughout the programme.

Partnership schools and colleges

Our partnership schools and colleges are based in inner and outer London, Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

Entry requirements

Undergraduate degree (with a minimum classification of 2:1) in dance or a related subject with a substantial dance component. Minimum grade 4 or equivalent in GCSE English and Mathematics.

Interview and audition

Applicants must submit a video of a solo as part of the initial selection process and based on this assessment, the applicant may be invited to interview. The interview

day involves a practical audition including practical dance class, the teaching of the short extract of the solo, an interview (by invitation following successful practical class and teaching) and a group discussion.

Assessment mode

You will be assessed against the Teachers' Standards legislated by the UK government throughout the programme. In addition, you will complete three assignments as part of the postgraduate qualification assessed at FHEQ Level 7.

Employment prospects

We have a very high employment rate and our graduates have gone on to secure jobs in secondary schools, academies, FE colleges and grammar schools nationwide and internationally. Many move on to become heads of department and many of our school-based tutors in partnership schools and colleges are RAD graduates.

Award

The programme leads to the award of Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Dance Teaching with Qualified Teacher Status. Graduates may also be eligible for registration as a dance teacher with the RAD.

Further study and career development

Following a period of teaching experience, graduates may apply for the Master of Arts in Education (Dance Teaching).

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