

DANCE



Dance at Drexel

The degree program in dance offers the serious dancer an opportunity for intensive exploration of dance in its physical, creative, and therapeutic aspects. Studio, performance, real-world, and academic experiences help each student to understand the expressive and communicative nature of dance as he or she prepares for a career in dance/movement therapy or dance in education.

Drexel Co-op for Dance

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, in which students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Dance students participate in the following:

- Students electing the dance/movement therapy option participate in a six-month co-op experience during the spring and summer terms of their junior year.
- Students electing the dance in education option participate in a six-month co-op experience during the fall and winter terms of their junior year.

A Few Dance Co-op Options

Dance/Movement Therapy: Participate with a practicing dance/movement therapist, community dance artist, or mental health professional in a mental health, social service, rehabilitation, medical, special education, or community arts setting.

Dance in Education: Participate in after school dance clubs, artist in residence school programs, and auditorium lecture demonstration programs as part of a community outreach dance company run by the dance program.

Career Opportunities

Drexel's undergraduate dance program, combined with the graduate education options in dance/movement therapy or education, prepares students for employment in a variety of dance-related careers including dance/movement therapist, public school dance specialist, private dance studio owner/operator, artist in residence, or dance company education outreach coordinator.

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Dance Appreciation. Teaches students to look at dance as an art form, emphasizing the ability to analyze and understand various dance styles. Includes films, readings, performances, and discussion.

Dance Practicum-Choreography. Covers the process of developing an idea into a finished dance through close work with the artistic director, including selecting dancers and music; teaching the movement; planning costumes, lighting, and sets; polishing the work; and presenting it to an audience during a Drexel University Dance Ensemble concert.

20th Century Dance History. Examines the history of Western theatrical dance from the beginning of the 20th century to contemporary times. Emphasizes the development of modern dance in the United States. Includes films, performances, and discussion.

Injury Prevention for Dance. This course uses physical and intellectual exploration to create individual flexibility and injury prevention plans that meet the student's goals. It is particularly targeted to dancers who use their bodies intensively. Techniques for injury prevention and recovery are emphasized.

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www.drexel.edu/westphal

University Catalog

A list of required courses for the Dance major is available online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

Accelerated Degree Options

- **BS in Dance/MA in Dance/Movement Therapy (six-year option).** Earn a BS degree in dance at the Westphal College for the first four years of study and continue with two years of study in the Hahnemann Creative Arts in Therapy Program, through the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel. Graduates earn an MA in creative arts in therapy, leading to licensure as a dance therapist. Students must pass a threshold review in the junior year to be accepted into this masters program.
- **BS in Dance/MS in Education (five-year option).** Earn a BS degree in dance and continue for a fifth year of study to earn an MS in Science of Instruction through the School of Education. Students who successfully complete the five-year BS/MS option in education will then be recommended to the state for a Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate in the area of Elementary Education for K-6 certification in general education.

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