



DANCE

The Dance major combines rigorous academic coursework with extensive stage and studio dance experiences. We feature an outstanding faculty of noted dancers and choreographers, and the Drexel Dance program is quite different from others in our emphasis on preparing our graduates for a variety of careers in dance and related subjects. We achieve this through Drexel's outstanding co-op program which has all students working for six months in a job related to dance. We encourage our students to take one of the dozens of minors offered in the University be it business, film, art history or in other subjects that insure that our graduates receive a well-rounded education that best prepares them for successful careers and lives. Our program uniquely offers the option of three distinct tracks to career paths that combine an active engagement with dance with real world occupations that go beyond performance. Those are: dance/movement therapy, dance in education, and physical therapy.

Students focused on **dance/movement therapy** prepare for jobs as dance/movement therapists—these students earn a BS degree in Dance during their first four years of study. They then have the option to do two additional years of study to earn an MA in Creative Arts in Therapy from the Hahnemann Creative Arts in Therapy program, through the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel, in order to become a registered dance/movement therapist.

The second career focus, **dance in education**, prepares students for jobs as elementary school teachers (grades kindergarten through 4) who may also serve as school dance specialists. Students choosing this option will earn a BS degree in Dance and may elect to continue for a fifth year of study to earn an MS in the Science of Instruction through the Drexel 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-4 certification in general education.

The third career focus, **physical therapy**, prepares students to work as physical therapists in a variety of settings, including hospitals, treatment centers, schools, and private practice. Students interested in the physical therapy option will complete the four-year BS degree in Dance along with a series of recommended electives in the physical sciences. After completion of the BS degree, students may opt to continue their education for an additional three years in the College of Nursing and Health Professions to earn a DPT and become a licensed physical therapist.

Students wanting specific information about the major are encouraged to stop by the department office in MacAlister Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 3018, email danceprogram@drexel.edu or visit their website at drexel.edu/westphal/undergraduate/DANC.

Employers Who Have Hired Drexel Students Include:

A.L. Lingelbach Elementary School
 Belmont Center for Comprehensive Treatment
 Dance USA Philadelphia
 Good Shepherd Penn Partners
 Special People in N.E., Inc.
 The Creative Living Room

JOB TITLES

Dance Therapist
 Recreational Therapist
 Choreographer
 Dance Studio Owner
 Artistic Director

Physical Therapist
 Occupational Therapist
 Dance Teacher
 Dance Administrator
 Performer

Please refer to drexel.edu/scdc for our most recent co-op salary information.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & INTERNET RESOURCES

Philadelphia Dance
philadelphiadance.org

American Dance Therapy Association
adta.org

Pennsylvania Chapter
paadta.org/aboutus

National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations
nccata.org

National Association for Drama Therapy
nadt.org

National Dance Association
aahperd.org/NDA

Dance Educators of America
deadance.com/index.php

American Physical Therapy Association
apta.org

National Dance Education Organization
ndeo.org

Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
psahperd.org

CAREER RESOURCES

Steinbright Career Development Center - Pre-Professional Advising (Pre-Law, Pre-Health)
drexel.edu/scdc/career-services/health-profession

Resume, Interviewing and Job Search Best Practices
drexel.edu/scdc/professional-pointers

Workshop Calendar
drexel.edu/scdc/calendars-events/workshops

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