The Dance Instructor Program prepares dancers to teach in private studios, recreational facilities, or community dance programs. Students may choose to specialize in specific dance genres, including ballet, modern, jazz, tap, ballroom, or world dance forms.

> For more information, go to miracosta.edu/dance





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DANCE INSTRUCTOR









Shaping Minds for Success.













DANCE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

Students enrolled in the Dance Instructor Certificate
Program will study theory and technique courses in dance
choreography, performance, and instruction. The certificate
provides a strong, diverse foundation that encompasses a
variety of dance genres, including ballet, modern, jazz, and
commercial dance (ballroom, Latin and/or hip hop). Students
will study dance choreography, learning compositional
principles and skills. In addition, Dance internships provide
on-the-job training and experience, allowing students to work
individually with a faculty mentor.

In the Dance Instructor Certificate Program, students will learn:

- Foundation in dance technique, alignment and movement principles
- · Proficiency in selected dance genres
- Elements and tools of choreography
- Roles of dance educator
- · Dance teaching techniques
- · Kinesiological awareness
- Lesson planning
- Practical applications of instruction techniques
- Resume building
- Real-world teaching experience
- Assessment tools

INTERNSHIPS

MiraCosta College offers courses in internship studies that provides students the opportunity to study and work with a mentor in a setting of their choice, such as a community center, recreation facility, or private dance studio. Students create SMART goals to develop lesson plans, dance curriculum, and assessment tools, thereby learning important teaching methodologies and skills.

PREPARE FOR A GREAT CAREER!

The Dance Instructor Certificate Program trains students for positions in the commercial and artistic areas of dance. MiraCosta College dance students pursue careers in teaching and choreography, dance studio or company management, child development, or dance therapy.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Certificates of Achievement are designed to be the first step in a career ladder through introducing one aspect of a trade or occupation.

Dance Instructor

For more information about the certificate, please contact the Counseling Department at 760.795.6670.



"Dance, for me, began with a spark of curiosity that quickly developed into a passion that led me to pursue a Dance Instructor Certificate. I love dance! I can't imagine a more fulfilling dance program than that of MiraCosta College."

—Malinda Shadel Brick, Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner



"This program has been an opportunity to find my voice as a dancer and as a teacher. It helped me to reconnect with dance and rediscover the joy in it while gaining experience both in class and in the community. I've been able to build new foundations in technique and artistry; to connect with faculty and fellow students; and to practice looking at dance from all sides—physical, mental, emotional, etc."

-Nicole Kim, Dance Major

INDUSTRY WAGES & JOBS AVAILABLE

Student wages before and after taking courses in dance:

\$19.81 BEFORE

AFTER

\$25.60



Top In-Demand Jobs in the San Diego Region

Dance-Related Occupations	Median Hourly Wages
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$26.03
Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$25.06
Entertainers & Performers,	
Sports & Related Workers, All Other	\$20.79
Dancers	\$15.65
Choreographers	\$23.38

WHO IS HIRING?

Top employers in the north San Diego region hiring for dance-related jobs include (partial list):

- Local YMCAs
- · Cadence Dance Collective, Oceanside
- · McCann Dance, Oceanside
- · Athletes Performance, Inc.
- · Sharp Healthcare
- · Being Fit
- Crunch Fitness
- 24 Hour Fitness
- · Plus One Health Management
- Medifit Corporate Services