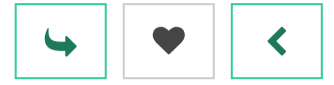


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# Dance teacher



Dance teachers train and support pupils of all ages in different styles of dance.



## Grace

RAD Dance Teacher at Dance Theme Academy, Canada

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## What you'll do

You'll train students to become professional dancers or help people to learn more about dance and movement.

You'll teach dance, tap, modern or ballroom.

You'll design or choreograph dances routines for your pupils, depending on the job.

Your day-to-day activities will include:

- showing students how to warm up and move safely
- demonstrating how to perform dance moves
- designing dance pieces and performances
- keeping records of students' performance and progress
- providing feedback to students
- entering students for dance exams
- maintaining your own dance skills and techniques

Many private dance teachers are self-employed, running their own business or working freelance for several different schools.

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

## Working hours and environment

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If you're a school teacher you'll work school hours (09:00 - 15:00) from Monday to Friday. You'll likely also have after-school activities like dance clubs or rehearsals which require evening commitments like attending rehearsals, performances and parents' evenings.

As a private teacher hours may vary but work during the evenings and weekends will be common for dance events and performances.

You'll work in classrooms, halls, dance studios and perhaps even theatres. Facilities can be quite basic in some venues.

## Career path and progression

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In a school you could become a head of department, a head of faculty or a head teacher.

As a private dance teacher you could develop your own business and run your own dance school.

## Skills required

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You'll need:

- **adaptability / personal effectiveness:** you need to be able to think on your feet, especially when working with young children, and respond confidently if classes don't go to plan.
- **to be caring:** you need to be passionate about dance and have a desire to see your students progress – and to care about making classes fun!
- **communication:** you'll be speaking to a wide range of people, from teaching three-year-olds in class to keeping parents and caregivers informed and updated!
- **physical abilities:** teaching dance is active and hands-on, so you need stamina and energy to make sure you stay focused and enthusiastic throughout the day.
- **teamwork:** you'll work alongside your students as well as other teachers, admin members, and musicians, so you need to play your part and keep them updated, especially when putting together a big performance.

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#) >

## Entry requirements

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You'll usually need a high level of dance training. Entry requirements vary depending on the type of teaching you want to do, but you'll usually need:

- at least a Level 3 qualification in dance, and a relevant teaching qualification, to be a lecturer in a further education college
- a postgraduate qualification or a recognised profile as a professional performer, and teaching experience to be a lecturer in a university
- qualified teacher status (QTS) to teach in a state school

To be a private dance teacher, you'll usually need an approved qualification in the subject you want to teach from the Council for Dance and Education Training (CDET).

You will also need to pass a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service).

## Related university subjects

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Median averages relating to the Dance teacher profession.

UK
  USA

### Jobs

Artistic, literary and media professionals

**342,899**

 **2,417** in your local area of Liverpool

#### Top 5 local areas

1	Surrey	8,868
2	Hackney	8,587
3	Kent	8,466
4	Hertfordshire	8,120
5	Lambeth	7,261

### Salaries

Dancers and choreographers

**£28,649**

 **(Not enough data for this region)** in your region of North West

## 🕒 Hours/week

Dancers and choreographers

# 40

📍 (Not enough data for this region) in your region of North West

## 📈 Growth

2020-2035

Culture, media and sports professionals

# +0.2%

↑ 1,593 jobs

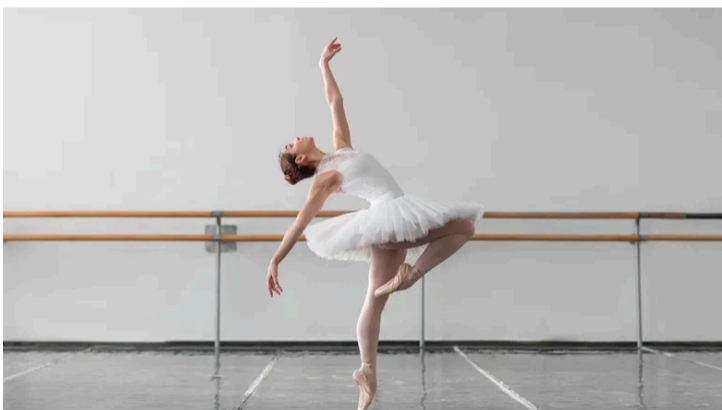
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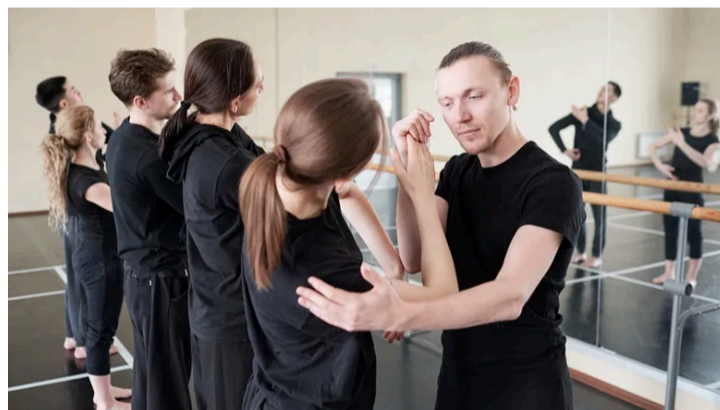
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