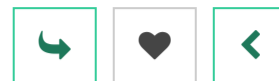


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Dance teacher



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



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

If you're a school teacher you'll work school hours from Monday to Friday. You'll also have evening commitments like attending rehearsals, performances and parents' evenings.

As a private teacher you'll have classes during the day, evening, and weekends. You'll also need to work at the weekend for dance events and performances.

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

Career path and progression

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

You'll need:

- dancing ability
- excellent communication skills
- patience
- knowledge of dance notation - the written system for recording dance movement
- ability to control groups of pupils
- business skills (if self-employed)

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

Entry requirements

Entry requirements vary depending on the type of teaching you want to do, but you'll usually need:

- qualified teacher status (QTS) to teach in a state school
- 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

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 subject profiles

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Labour Market Information (LMI)

Current and predicted figures relating to the Dance teacher profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

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 **Jobs**

Artistic, literary and media occupations



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



£29,007

Artistic, literary and media occupations



£32,914

 **£30,531** in your region of North West
Top 3 regions

1	South East	£35,849
2	London	£34,864
3	North West	£30,531

 **Growth**

Culture, media and sports occupations

2020-2035

+.2% ↑ 1,593 jobs

📍 **-4.8%** in your region of North West, an decrease of 2,325 jobs

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