

# Dance (Dance Education), BFA

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Are you passionate about teaching dance and interested in furthering your skills as a dance artist? Join our community of artists and deepen your practice as a dancer and educator in this undergraduate program.

## Program description

The BFA in dance with a concentration in dance education prepares students for certification to teach dance in K-12 schools in the state of Arizona as well as for certification in other states through a multistate reciprocity agreement.

The School of Music, Dance and Theatre provides a dynamic and culturally diverse learning environment where students develop as creative artists, scholars and educators. The student experience is enriched by a diverse range of studies, including dance cultures, music, digital media, dance history, philosophy and criticism, movement science, somatics, and stage and screen production. The curriculum emphasizes creativity and research while striving to build bridges between knowledge and community through a wide range of academic experiences, including student teaching internships. The dance program also includes coursework in technique of a range of dance forms and mind-body practices, including Afro-Latin, contemporary ballet, hip hop, contemporary modern and somatic movement practice.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics Any math course that meets the MATH designation.
- **Math intensity:** General 

# Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Admission requirements

### General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

### Additional requirements:

Admission to the dance education program is inclusive and based on a submission packet and admission day festival process. Students are admitted to ASU as dance interview students and must successfully complete a submission packet and attend an admission day festival before enrolling in the dance major. If a student successfully completes this process, the School of Music, Dance and Theatre will change the student's major to the BFA in dance with a concentration in dance education. In the event the student is admitted to ASU but does not submit a packet for the dance major or misses the admission day festival deadline, the student enters ASU as a dance interview student and must successfully complete the dance submission packet and attend the admission day festival milestone in the first semester in order to enroll in the major. Students who do not complete the admission festival requirement during the first semester will be advised to change their major.

Admission day festivals take place in November and February of each year. To ensure a smooth curricular progression, all prospective dance students, including transfer students, are strongly encouraged to participate in the admission day festival during the semester prior to their intended date of enrollment.

Submission packet deadlines: Students should review the [Dance admission requirements and deadlines](#) for more details.

### Transfer admission requirements:

Direct transfer of courses from other accredited institutions to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts is subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college's curriculum and to departmental or school evaluation of studio courses with respect to performance standards.

Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the institute must complete a minimum of 15 hours of resident credit in the major as approved by the faculty.

**Application deadlines:** Students should review [Dance admission requirements and deadlines](#) for more details.

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

Students must submit a separate dance packet and attend a dance admission festival day before they can change their major. Please refer to the admission section above.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply creative perspectives and skills in their art-making that reflect broad understandings of current dance and digital media practices.
- Develop pedagogical approaches and curricular content for PreK-12 and community dance education settings.
- Apply knowledge of past and current dance practices, traditions and trends in one or more global or historical dance forms.

# Global opportunities

## Global experience

Dance transcends language, so students can explore their art in various countries, no matter the language. When [studying abroad](#), students expand their view of dance through an international lens while exploring various dance forms at their origins, gaining knowledge that will help them become educators of the art.

# Career opportunities

The concentration in dance education lays the foundation for a career in teaching in public and private settings, as a dance educator in K-12 settings, as a teacher in private studio or community environments, or as a dance artist and performer in independent work. Students earn an Arizona teaching certification while pursuing the dance education degree, and they can expect to find employment in one of many thriving middle school and high school dance programs throughout the state, community settings or dance studios.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

| Career  | *Growth | *Median salary |
|---|---------|----------------|
| <a href="#">Choreographer</a> ☀   | 5.0%    | \$50,990       |
| <a href="#">Dancer</a> ☀  | 5.3%    | \$0            |
| <a href="#">Education Professor</a>                                     | 3.7%    | \$66,930       |
| <a href="#">Fitness Instructor</a> ☀                                    | 13.7%   | \$45,380       |
| <a href="#">Health and Physical Education Professor (HPE Professor)</a> | 3.3%    | \$72,650       |
| <a href="#">High School Teacher</a>                                     | 1.0%    | \$62,360       |
| <a href="#">Middle School Teacher</a>                                   | 0.8%    | \$61,810       |
| <a href="#">Preschool Director</a>                                      |         | \$49,690       |
| <a href="#">School Principal</a>  | 1.1%    | \$101,320      |

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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# Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational

requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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