



## ISTD DIPLOMA IN DANCE EDUCATION

### WHO?

The training is aimed at students/professional dancers/teachers who wish to gain an OFQUAL Level 4 teaching qualification in Modern Theatre and/or Tap Dance.

Taking part in this course requires commitment, self-motivation and organisation as success, in part, is down to your ability to manage your time and complete the necessary tasks. This is not going to be easy and you need to be prepared for some HARD WORK! Learning syllabus is only a small part of your teacher training journey.

ISTD DDE Unit 4 training will be delivered by **Dr. Nathan James**, Fellow & Examiner ISTD and Tap Faculty Committee and Teaching Team Member.

### WHAT?

The DDE qualification consists of 5 units:

- **Unit 1: Preparing for Safe Teaching**  
You could be exempt from this diploma with a Trinity Diploma in Professional Dance/Musical Theatre (and some degree courses).
- **Unit 2: Observing, Assisting and Teaching Practice**  
You will be required to undertake 4 lesson observations, 5 lessons in an assistant capacity and leading 5 lessons of 45 mins duration.
- **Unit 3: Vocational Graded Examination in Dance: Intermediate**  
Assessed through a practical exam – you will be exempt if holding Intermediates in *Modern* and *Tap* with the ISTD or other recognised exam bodies.
- **Unit 4: Dance Practice**  
You will be assessed on your syllabus and teaching knowledge in *Modern* and *Tap* focusing on Primary to Intermediate level.
- **Unit 5: Social, Emotional and Cognitive Development**  
A written unit focusing on the development of students. You will be assessed via a series of on-line tasks.

Unit 4 will be delivered in-person. All other units will be delivered through a series of online lectures and tutorials.

You will need to meet the technical requirements of the ISTD and should have your Intermediate examination in each genre that you wish to study. You can start the course without this, but you will need to pass the Intermediate before you take the Unit 4 examination.

Please note the qualification is based on the NEW Intermediate Tap syllabus launched in 2017, and so you will need to be fluent with that work prior to taking the exam.

Application is via an online form and video audition. You will also be required to register with the ISTD on their online learning platform. The ISTD charge a registration fee which will be payable on enrolling.

## **WHERE?**

Face-to-Face practical lessons will take place at Dupont Dance Stage School in Leicester City centre, close to the mainline train station and major motorways.

Parking is available if required.

There are many choices of affordable hotels within walking distance to the studio.

Additional learning will take place online via the Zoom platform.

## **WHEN?**

Studio training schedule is outlined below.

Please note that taking part in the course does not guarantee that you will be entered until you have reached the necessary standard. Additional coaching may be required. Exams will be arranged when you have reached the required standard and completed the necessary work.

Zoom sessions will be arranged once everyone is signed up.

## TIMETABLE

Classes commence Thursday Sept 29th, 2021

**10.30-12.30** Modern

**12.30-14.30** Tap

## REGISTRATION

To apply for the course, we require you to register and provide the following:

- Intermediate certificates
- Any diplomas/degree certificates (and breakdown of modules) that may be relevant
- Video footage showing the following:
  - Tap: Pull backs/Shuffle Pick Up Changes/Paddles/Time Steps
  - Modern: kicks/turns/leaps
  - Examples of your own choreography

To register please complete the following form:

<https://forms.gle/GHeFx12ksqV4LKxS6>

## OH YEAH... HOW MUCH?

£30 per genre per 2-hour session payable 4 weekly in advance. This is a regular commitment, and you will be required to pay for classes if unable to attend. Recordings will be made available for you.

The fee does not include any ISTD registration/examination fees which are in addition.

You will be provided with various resources to assist your learning but will need to purchase the syllabus books from the ISTD Online Shop (Primary to Intermediate).

## Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptance on the course of study and payment of course fees does not guarantee entry into the relevant examinations if the tutor does not deem the level of student work to be of a sufficient standard or work has not been completed. It is the responsibility of the student to be able to demonstrate all practical work to the necessary technical standard and be able to recall syllabus exercises as requested.
2. All course fees must be paid in advance and any payment plans must be completed prior to taking any examinations.
3. Refunds are not given once a student has commenced the course. Commencement is classed as attendance (either online or in person) of the first day of delivery OR upon accessing any online materials prior to face-to-face training.
4. Should you require additional tutoring; this will result in additional training fees outside of the delivery of the course hours and/or content within the module. These will be payable at a rate of £35 per hour.
5. All exam fees must be paid by the student to the exam board prior to taking the relevant examinations. Entry forms will be provided by the tutor prior to examinations.
6. If you do not communicate with your module tutor for several weeks or have not attended several sessions without prior notice and/or permission, then you could be asked to leave the course or deemed to have left. In this instance a refund will not be given.
8. You will be required to register with the ISTD. All application forms will be sent to you from your tutor. These need to be returned with the relevant documentation to be verified and will be sent to the ISTD for processing. Please note we cannot control the length of time it takes for your application to be processed as this is done by the ISTD directly. The ISTD require a registration fee, they will send you a payment link and will not process any applications until this has been paid.
9. In the first instance students should not make direct contact with the ISTD and should take queries to their tutor. If required, the tutor can then advise of the best point of contact at the ISTD to ensure your enquiry is dealt with appropriately.