

**SWINDON**  
**DANCE**

# Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy (DDP)

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Course Outline

**LEVEL 6 DIPLOMA IN DANCE PEDAGOGY**

Swindon Dance is excited to offer the new -look **Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy (DDP)** from January 2022.

This exciting teaching qualification is approved by ISTD and Swindon Dance was the **first** centre to run the qualification outside of ISTD. The course was designed in consultation with Alison Becket B Ed (Hons), M Ed. Alison trained in classical ballet and was the vice principle of Northern School of Contemporary Dance for 17 years. She has been responsible for dance teacher training for the BBO and ISTD since 2003.

Please see below more information about the course and qualification:

**Benefits**

- Completing the Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy will provide you with a regulated qualification that is widely recognised as the equivalent of an undergraduate degree.
- UK DDP graduates are eligible to apply for Qualified Teacher Status (QTLS), meaning you can be employed within the state funded education sector on qualified teacher pay scales.
- Graduates can progress to a Masters in Professional Practice at Middlesex University or the ISTD's prestigious Fellowship qualification.
- You can consider becoming an Approved Tutor for various units of the ISTD's initial teacher training qualifications.

**Is the course right for me? The new-look Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy is designed for:**

- Current and ex-professional dancers, seeking to transition into a teaching career
- Unqualified teachers currently working in the vocational/further education sector
- Dance teachers with a level 4 (or equivalent) initial teaching qualification

**Duration of the course:**

The course runs part time and can be completed in 2 years. Candidates would have 5 years to complete qualification after initial enrolment.

**Entry requirements:**

- Level 4 dance teaching qualification
- Dance Degree or
- Significant professional dance experience

Learners do not need to have prior teaching experience but a regular teaching placement is required for the duration of the course.

Learners do not need to have an enhanced DBS disclosure when applying for this course but will need to get one before starting the course and ensure it is renewed every two years.

**Course dates and location:**

The Diploma in Dance Pedagogy will be delivered through lecture-based seminars and practical dance workshops at Swindon Dance. Candidates will receive tutorial support from experienced practitioners and unit leaders between taught sessions. The seminars and practical workshops will take place over weekends and some holidays.



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**Course content:**

Unit Number	Unit Title	Credits for Unit	Assessment for Unit
Unit 1	Planning and Evaluating Programmes of Learning	20 CREDITS	Teaching Portfolio submission
Unit 2	The Practice of Dance Teaching and Learning	30 CREDITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching Portfolio Submission</li> <li>• Ten formally assessed teaching observations</li> <li>• Viva Voce and Evaluation of Teaching Practice</li> </ul>
Unit 3	Reflective Practice	20 CREDITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six lesson observations</li> <li>• Six reflective journal entries</li> <li>• Critical Review</li> </ul>
Unit 4c	Teaching Dance in Education and Community Settings	30 CREDITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rationale for a creative dance project</li> <li>• One taught lesson from this creative dance project and Viva Voce</li> </ul>
Unit 5c	Choreography	20 CREDITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conceive, plan and choreograph an original piece of dance on a chosen group</li> </ul>

**Course Fees:**

The course will cost £5,250 and can be paid in various instalments listed below:

1. Up-front payment plan: Pay the total fees at the beginning of the programme.
2. Yearly payment plan: Payment is divided into two instalments, due at the beginning of each year (September)
3. Standard payment plan: Payment is divided into quarterly instalments, due every three months for the duration of the 2 years (e.g. January, April, July, October)

**Teaching Placement:**

All candidates are required to teach a class for the duration of the course.

**How to apply:**


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