



Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy (DDP)

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To be read in conjunction with the Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy Syllabus.

Qualification Overview

The Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy qualification consists of five units and is delivered over 2 years as a part time course. Candidates will have up to 5 years from initial enrolment to complete the qualification. The course is non-syllabus based, allowing you room to broaden your teaching skills. Please refer to the syllabus for further details about the units. ISTD do offer additional options for unit 4 and 5, please inquire if you would like further information.

Studying for the Qualification

The programme of study will be personally tailored to meet your individual requirements. It has been designed to be varied in its delivery and includes intensive practical training courses, weekend lectures, group tutorials, personal study and peer learning. Each unit of the qualification also has its own unit handbook to give additional support and guidance. There are essential and recommended reading lists, which allow for a more rounded study of the subject. During Units 2 and 3, you will be assigned a personal mentor with allocated mentoring contact time as part of the programme of study. This is to support learning in Units 2 and 3. Support from your mentor may be face to face in the dance school environment, by telephone, Skype or email.

Entry Conditions

Applicants wishing to apply for this qualification need to have one of the following:

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

It should be noted that this is a teaching qualification for experienced dance teachers or professional dancers, who will be required to teach a group of students during the programme. Therefore, the minimum age for entry to the programme of study is 18.

Learners do not need to have prior teaching experience, but a regular teaching placement is required for the duration of the course. If you do not fulfil the entry requirements but feel you have the required knowledge or experience, you can apply for APEL to access this qualification. The Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) scheme takes account of your professional experience and unregulated qualifications.

Recognition of Prior Accreditation and Achievement

The application panel will recognise prior accreditation and achievement in order to ensure that applicants do not duplicate learning and assessment that has already been attained. This process

takes account of certificated achievements; as long as they are of the relevant level for the unit, or above, and map to the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for that unit.

Duration and Venue

The programme is delivered part-time over a two-year period starting in October 2022. Delivery will take place at Swindon Dance, Swindon or via remote access. The timetable of delivery will be given to all successful applicants prior to the commencement of the programme. All training will be carried out by lecturers who are experts in their field.

Application Process

Applying to study the qualification

Please complete the Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy application form and submit to Jo Wilson at Swindon Dance DDP@swindondance.co.uk in time for the relevant closing date.

When submitting your application, please provide a short recording of you teaching, via a sharing platform – dropbox, vimeo etc adding the link onto this application form. The filming should be no longer than 30 minutes and will support your application. The filming should be of yourself only. If any students are in the recording please ensure you have obtained the correct paperwork and agreements from participants before the filming takes place. The recording will only be observed by the Swindon Dance Interview Panel, not downloaded, saved or shared.

Languages available

Currently the qualification and programme of study is available in English only. Therefore, you need to be competent in this language to study this course. If English is not your first language and you have not completed degree level study in English, you will need to submit an IELTS certificate along with your application form. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a test that measures the language proficiency of people who want to study or work in environments where English is used as a language of communication. An easy-to-use 9-band scale clearly identifies proficiency level, from non-user (band score 1) through to expert (band score 9). For this qualification Swindon Dance accepts the score of IELTS 6.5 (with minimum 6 in all components) in IELTS General Training test.

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

As you will be teaching classes throughout the programme of study you are expected to have a valid, clear, enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure, or a disclosure relevant to your country. Note: Candidates do not need to have an Enhanced DBS disclosure when applying for this course but will need to get one before starting the course. If you are invited for an interview, please bring your Enhanced DBS disclosure to your interview, if you already hold one.

Cost of the Programme

DETAILS OF FEES	SWINDON DANCE COURSE COST	ISTD ASSESMENT COSTS
Registration costs (non-refundable)	£45	£35
Mandatory Units		
Unit 1 Planning and Evaluating Programmes of Learning	£2,500	£320
Unit 2 The Practice of Dance Teaching and Learning Includes 19 hours individual mentor support		
Unit 3 Reflective Practice Includes 5 hours individual mentor support		
Plus: Principles and Practice of Dance Teaching		
Unit 4c Teaching Dance in Education and Community Settings	£1,200	£230
Plus: Optional Unit (other optional units are available at ISTD)		
Unit 5c Choreography	£760	£160
Total course cost (not including registration costs)		£5,170

Payment Plans

The following payment plans are available:

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 (January)
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)

Fees can be paid by cheque, card payment or bank transfer. A formal invoice will be issued to you before the start of the programme.

Opportunities for financial assistance for those studying on this programme

To see if you are eligible for a Professional and Career Development Loan, please visit the Gov.UK website: www.gov.uk/career-development-loans/overview

Professional dancers retraining on this programme may also be eligible for a Bursary through the Dancers' Career Development (www.thedcd.org.uk) – please contact the DCD directly for guidelines, eligibility and application forms.

Once your application pack is received by Swindon Dance, it will be reviewed by the Level 6 DDP Panel. A key focus of the review process is to ascertain where you are in your professional

development and to assess whether this programme is right for you at this time; this is based on pre-existing qualifications, teaching experience and professional background.

If your application is shortlisted, you will be invited to an interview. If you are unsuccessful, you will be notified by Swindon Dance. Unsuccessful applicants will receive feedback for their future development.