



DANCE

The Dance Major Program at Drexel University has a unique curriculum design and focus. This program combines rigorous academic coursework with extensive stage and studio dance experiences to prepare students for three possible career paths within dance: dance/movement therapy, dance in education, and physical therapy. Students participating in this major will earn a BS degree in dance with an optional minor in psychology.

Employers who have hired Drexel students include:

KYL Dancers, Inc.
Moving Creations, Inc.
A.L. Lingelbach Elementary School

The **dance/movement therapy** career focus will prepare for jobs as dance/movement therapists. These are psychological counselors working in settings including hospitals, out-patient clinics, and residential treatment centers. Students pursuing this option will earn a BS degree in dance through the Department of Performing Arts for the first four years of study. They will then have the option to continue on to two years of study in the College of Nursing and Health Professions to earn an MA in Creative Arts in Therapy and become a licensed dance therapist.

The second career focus, **dance in education**, prepares students for jobs as elementary school teachers (grades kindergarten through six) who may also serve as school dance specialists. Students choosing this option will earn a BS degree in dance through the Department of Performing Arts. Students may also elect to continue for a fifth year of study to earn an MS in the Science of Instruction through the School of Education. Students who successfully complete the five year BS /MS option will then be recommended to the State for a Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate in the area of Elementary Education for K-6 certification general education.

The third career focus, **physical therapy**, prepares students to work as physical therapists in a variety of settings, including hospitals, treatment centers, schools, and private practice. Students interested in the physical therapy option will complete the four-year BS degree in dance, along with a series of recommended electives in the physical sciences. After completion of the BS degree, students will continue their education for an additional three years in the College of Nursing and Health Professions to earn a DPT and become a licensed physical therapist.

Students wanting specific information about the major are encouraged to stop by the department office in Nesbitt Hall, call the department at 215-895-2390 or visit their website at www.drexel.edu/westphal.

JOB TITLES

Dance Therapist
Recreational Therapist
Choreographer
Artistic Director

Physical Therapist
Occupational Therapist
Dance Teacher

Please refer to the SCDC website (www.drexel.edu/scdc) for our most recent co-op salary information.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & INTERNET RESOURCES

Philadelphia Dance
www.philadelphiadance.org/

American Dance Therapy Association
www.adta.org
Pennsylvania Chapter
www.paadta.org/aboutus

National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations
www.nccata.org/

National Association for Drama Therapy
www.nadt.org/

American Physical Therapy Association
www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home

National Dance Association
www.aahperd.org/NDA/

Dance Educators of America
www.deadance.com/index.php

National Dance Education Organization
www.ndeo.org/

Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
www.psahperd.org/

CAREER RESOURCES

Performing Arts and Culture Career Guide
www.library.drexel.edu/resources/guides/careerguides/?page_id=40

**Steinbright Career Development Center
Pre-Professional Advising (Prelaw, Prehealth)**
www.drexel.edu/scdc/careerservices/pre-professional-advising/index.html

Writing Your Resume
www.drexel.edu/scdc/coop/COOP101/materials/writingyourresume.html

Workshop Calendar
www.drexel.edu/scdc/events/workshops/coop-workshops.html

DREXEL DEPARTMENT

**Career Services Library
Careers Collection**
Hagerty Library
33rd and Market Streets, Room 136
215-895-6843
www.library.drexel.edu/services/refcareers.html

**Antoinette Westphal College of
Media Arts & Design**
Nesbitt Hall
33rd and Market Streets
215-895-2396
www.drexel.edu/academics/westphal