Dance enables you to fully experience yourself and your place in the world by heightening your senses, sharpening your perceptions, honing your physical capacity, and drawing attention to issues of representation and identity. In this program, you will transform your knowledge of dance by engaging with dance history, pedagogy, choreography, critical theory, dance for the camera, dance science, improvisation, dance production, and various dance techniques. During the course of your studies you will gain creative thinking skills, research and analytical capabilities, written and verbal communication skills, as well as a rigorous practical and theoretical training in dance.

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alies.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://alies.alberta.ca/occinfo)

**Coaching and teaching** - Make critical observations and evaluations; Sensitivity to others’ artistic expression; Teach others using creative methods

**Organizational** - Manage multiple projects simultaneous; Possess a high level of discipline and internally motivated work ethic; Flexibility and adaptability

**Project management** - Execute creative decisions; Creative problem solving

**Analytical/critical thinking** - Create interesting associations between ideas; Observe and analyze introspectively; Comprehensive knowledge of anatomy and movement; Possess unique perspectives on issues

**Creativity** - Possess a strong grasp of the creative process; Performance and presentation; Artistic conveyance of ideas; Abstract conceptualization; Improvisation; Knowledge of popular culture and artistic events

**Communication** - Strong skills in physical, oral and written expression; Adapt ideas to different audiences; Non-verbal communication; Think clearly and form arguments

**Interpersonal** - Working as part of a team; Comfortable with scrutiny and criticism; Feel at ease in new situations

**Sample Job Titles**

- Academy management
- Actor
- Art Educator
- Art Therapist*
- Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern or other contemporary style Dancer
- Cheerleading Instructor
- Choreographer
- Community Development Officer
- Community Theatre Owner
- Corporate fitness/trainer
- Dance & Art Therapist
- Dance Academy Manager
- Dance Accreditation Administrator
- Dance Competition Judger
- Dance Historian
- Dance Instructor
- Dance Reviewer/Critic
- Dance studio owner/manager
- Dance Teacher
- Dance Therapist
- Dancer/performer
- Gallery Owner/Manager
- Kinesiologist*
- Movement Educator
- Museum Exhibit Programmer
- Music Entertainment Dancer
- Musician back up dancing
- Occupational Therapist*
- Performance Artist
- Physical Education Teacher
- Producer
- Professor*
- Researcher
- Sports Coach
- Sports Recreation Leader
- Sports/dance store manager
- Stage performance dancing
- Technical Theater
- Wellness director
- Yoga Instructor

*may need additional education

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via [CareerLink](http://CareerLink)
Associations & Professional Development

Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Alberta Dance Alliance: [http://abdancealliance.ab.ca/](http://abdancealliance.ab.ca/)
- Association of Canadian Dance Teachers: [http://cdtaont.com/](http://cdtaont.com/)
- Canada Council for the Arts: [http://canadacouncil.ca/](http://canadacouncil.ca/)
- Canada DanceSport: [http://www.dancesport.ca/content.php?SectionID=1](http://www.dancesport.ca/content.php?SectionID=1)
- Dance/USA: [http://www.danceusa.org/](http://www.danceusa.org/)

Books & Publications

Dance: A Practical Guide to Pursuing the Art by Rebecca Love Fishkin
Career coach: managing your career in theater and the performing arts by Shelly Field
Creative careers: paths for aspiring actors, artists, dancers, musicians and writers by Elaina Loveland