



NEW! Teacher in Training

For well-rounded dancers with an extensive dance training background at DDA, who have successfully participated in the DDA Leadership Academy. For dancers who have an interest in pursuing teaching. *Must be at least 14 ½ years old, and must obtain a work permit if under 16 years old.*

This program is designed to prepare you with the tools, training, knowledge, and experience to one day instruct dance classes on your own. Trainees must be mature, responsible, and communicate well to both children and adults.

Once you have completed 50 hours of hands on classroom assisting, you may have the opportunity to be on our sub list for certain classes. *Example: If you assist 2 hours a week for 6 months, you can meet 50 hours quickly.* This is the next step in the program if we feel you're ready. You will still continue to assist in classes, as the classroom training portion is CRUCIAL to this program and where you will gain the knowledge you need to best prepare you as a dance educator.

After 1 year (or 75 classroom hours and 25 office/admin/event hours) if we feel you are ready - you may be offered the opportunity to teach a weekly class on your own, under the direction of the director. Trainees must be at least 16 years old at this time.

Your success depends on what you put into it. We are treating this program with the same importance and professionalism that you would expect in a college internship. We are so excited to have you on this journey!

REQUIREMENTS

- Assist one class a week at minimum. The Director will let you know what classes are available
- You are welcome to pop in to other classes to assist (up to level 3)! You must have at least one regular weekly class, but you are welcome to assist other classes here and there. They must be with the Director, and we prefer you ask the week prior. We know teens schedules can be hectic so we get it! We also feel it's SO beneficial to assist in a wide range of classes (ages, levels, and genres) to discover what you like teaching best.
- At least **50%** of the classroom assisting hours must be with the Director
- Timesheets must be submitted in a timely manner
- Timesheets will also be saved, and will be how we track classroom and office/admin hours.
- Time assisting and observing will be paid at a rate of \$10 an hour
- Hourly teaching rate upon the promotion to a sub or instructor, will be discussed at that time
- **Office/admin/event hours** The following qualify as those sort of hours: General studio assisting such as cleaning, greeting families in the lobby, assisting at Brownie Badge programs, birthday parties, or pop up camps. Rehearsal and recital week/weekend. Performance Troupe events
- If we feel you have been successful with the program after a few months - you will receive a complimentary registration (\$399 value) to the [Soul Dancer Conference](#) if you'd like to attend.