

Mercyhurst College Dance Department

Announcement of Faculty Position in Dance Beginning September 2012

Position: Tenure track, Assistant Professor in Dance for Dance Department with a classical ballet focus.

Responsibilities: Teach classical ballet technique, pointe and variations for intermediate to pre-professional dancers and choreograph and/or stage works for student productions in the classical and contemporary ballet idioms. Ability to teach in one or more of the following areas required: technical theater/production practicum, dance technology/media, dance appreciation, or dance history. The position also requires student advising and serving on department/college committees.

Qualifications: MFA or MA with performance background and teaching experience in higher education or substantial professional performing career. Candidate must be able to sustain a professional approach of excellence within the major courses combined with a respect for the traditional liberal arts curriculum and a commitment to the development of future leaders for dance. The ideal candidate will have a high-energy persona, a strong sense of humor, be a team player with a positive attitude and the ability to sustain an even balance of discipline and a nurturing approach toward the students. Strong administrative and computer skills, experience with NASD, and grant writing are a plus.

Salary and Benefits: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

College/Department Information: Mercyhurst College is a Catholic liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,000. It is located in the western panhandle of Pennsylvania on the shore of beautiful Lake Erie. The Dance Department, in the School of Arts and Humanities, is accredited by NASD and offers a BA degree in Dance with a classical ballet focus, concentrations in pedagogy, choreography and concert performance and minor in arts administration. Strategic planning includes development of a BFA and MFA program. The Dance Department currently serves 70 majors and has two companies, Mercyhurst Ballet Theater and SoMar Dance Works, in residence. The danceSpace complex is adjacent to the Art and Music Departments and neighbors the 825 seat Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center.

Web site: <http://www.dance.mercyhurst.edu>; <http://www.mercyhurst.edu>

Application Procedure: Send letter of application*, vitae, and three references with telephone and email contact information to:

Search Chair
Dance Department
Mercyhurst College
501 E. 38th St.
Erie, PA 16546
FAX 814/824-2188

* Letter of application (no more than 2 pages) should include brief statements on: artistic/scholarly identity, pedagogical philosophy/values and specifically your approach to current trends in the evolution of ballet. Please include your e-mail and/or web site address if available. Applicants who progress in the search will be asked to submit a DVD of teaching, current choreographic works, letters of recommendation written within the last six months and additional support materials.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications Materials: November 1, 2011. Review of applicants will continue until position is filled.

Mercyhurst College, an AA/EOE, encourages applications from women and minorities for this position, and provides reasonable accommodation to the known disabilities of applicants and employees.