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Assistant Professor of Dance

Department: Dance
Status: Exempt, Full Time
Closes: January 8th, 2027

Reports To: Dean, School of the Arts
Classification: Faculty

POSITION SUMMARY

Tenure track, Assistant Professor in Dance for a department with a classical ballet focus. Salary and title are commensurate with qualifications and experience.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Major teaching responsibilities in the following areas: classical modern technique and contemporary dance forms; improvisation, choreography, and composition; dance appreciation; dance history; dance conditioning; choreographing and staging works for departmental productions. Additional experience in one or more of the following areas: arts administration, choreography, or dance technology. The position also requires student advising and department/university committee work.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILLS

PHD or MFA with teaching experience in higher education. Substantial professional performing experience. A professional approach to excellence within the dance major requirements, respect for the traditional liberal arts curriculum, and a commitment to developing future leaders in the field. Experience in arts administration, dance technology/media, (costume design/construction), or technical theater will also be considered. Competence in all areas of administrative duties is encouraged. We would love to welcome a colleague with a sense of humor, a collaborative spirit, and strong, professional communication skills.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send letter of application, vitae, teaching philosophy, and 3 letters of recommendation written within the last six months. Applicants who progress in the search will be asked to submit footage of recent teaching, samples of choreographed or staged works, and additional support materials. Review of applicants will continue until the position is filled.

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The Department of Dance, in the School of the Arts, offers BA and BFA degrees in Dance with a classical ballet focus, a minor in Arts Administration, and a minor in Dance Studies. Currently serving 50 dance majors, the Department of Dance houses a Liturgical Dance Ensemble and routinely collaborates with multiple community partners. The danceSpace complex is adjacent to the Art Department and the D'Angelo Department of Music and neighbors the 792-seat Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center.

Web site: https://www.mercyhurst.edu/academics/dance

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