



Kat's Dance Academy presents the...

Trainee Dance Teacher Program

What is it?

This program is designed to support and supervise students who wish to obtain a teachers qualification in dance. This qualification is awarded under the United Kingdom Alliance (UKA) of dance, and thus, individuals with this qualification are recognised members of the UKA. In addition to teaching dance, the UKA provides opportunities for continuous personal development. At Kat's Dance Academy, students are invited to join this program (in addition to their core dance class) by qualified UKA dance teachers: Michelle and Kat.

What does it involve?

This is an intense programme which takes roughly two and a half years to complete. The trainees will build upon and apply their knowledge of dance, such as choreography, technique, anatomy and theory, to teach dance across all ages. Under the supervision of qualified dance teachers, the trainees gain valuable experience in teaching dance, as well as an understanding of preparing and managing a dance class.

There are two levels in this program. Level one consists of an introduction to, and close supervision during, teaching. Alongside gaining experience, trainees will develop a portfolio and complete an exam. Individuals who complete level one will gain their 'provision teachers' qualification, and can begin level two.

During level two, whilst frequent supervision will continue, individuals will become more independent in their teaching. Trainees will also build upon their portfolio and undertake another exam. Individuals who complete level two will gain their 'associate teaching' qualification. This means that they are qualified and recognised by the UKA as dance teachers.

What do we include?

At Kat's Dance Academy, we go above and beyond to ensure that our trainees have the knowledge and confidence to teach dance. In addition to the core material approved by the UKA, we at Kat's Dance Academy out-source to local organisations to ensure that our trainees have an in-depth knowledge of the best and current teaching practices. This includes, but is not limited to, understanding the importance of an inclusive classroom environment. Also, our trainees will gain additional qualifications and training that we feel are vital for teaching dance. These include:

- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate
- Safeguard training
- First aid training
- First aid paediatric training
- A chaperone licence

What are the extra benefits?

There are additional benefits for trainees who engage and complete this program. Under supervision, our trainees will...

- build upon their independent learning skills; including the ability to self-evaluate and formulate action plans to improve their teaching practices.
- gain confidence in organising and facilitating classes across all ages, whilst adhering to Kat's Dance Academy's and government policies.
- build upon their communication and interpersonal skills, and become confident speakers in all areas of the academy. This includes building professional relationships with students, peers and committee members.

