

## Educational Opportunities in Dance Medicine and Science

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## Degree Programs

### California State University, Long Beach

- **BA in Dance (option in Dance Science)**
- Long Beach, California, USA
- 4 years
- Website: [www.csulb.edu/depts/dance/](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/dance/)

### California State University, Northridge

- **Master of Science – Kinesiology/Dance Option**
- Northridge, California, USA
- 2 years
- The Dance Option offers several courses that are directly applicable to dance (Seminar in Dance Science, Dance Production, Directed Research in Dance Psychophysiology). There is a combination of thesis/project as the culminating graduate work. Graduate students will participate in the creative work of dance performance and the scientific work of participating in research studies.
- California State University, Northridge is located in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. The department has many links to a vibrant dance community in Los Angeles.
- Website: [www.csun.edu](http://www.csun.edu)
- **Contact information:** Paula Thomson, PsyD  
[Paula.thomson@csun.edu](mailto:Paula.thomson@csun.edu) +1 818-677-7575

### Florida State University

- **Master of Arts (MA) in Studio & Related Studies**, may choose emphasis in Dance Science
- Tallahassee, Florida, USA
- 36 credit hours; 4 semester; 15 months
- Approximately 7 students are accepted into the program each year based on audition, interview & writing sample. Program is flexible.
- Information: <https://dance.fsu.edu/degrees/masters-of-arts-in-dance-with-a-major-in-studio-and-related-studies>

Faculty includes: Jawole Zollar (Urban Bushwomen), Lynda Davis (Bella Lewitzky), Anjali Austin (Dance Theater of Harlem & Gyrotonic master trainer), Anthony Morgan (Graham School), Dan Wagoner (Graham, Taylor, Wagoner), Gerri Houlihan (Lubovitch), Sheila Humphreys (Royal Ballet), Rick McCoullough (Netherlands Dance Theater), Susan Farrell part-time (NYC Ballet).

- Most graduate students receive tuition & 1/4-time assistantship, but recent economic crisis may affect availability of this support in the future.
- **Contact information:** Tom Welsh, PhD [twelsh@dance.fsu.edu](mailto:twelsh@dance.fsu.edu)

### George Mason University

- **MS in Exercise, Fitness and Health Promotion**
  - Graduate Assistantship in performing arts medicine
- Manassas, Virginia, USA
- 2 years
- Number of positions: 1
- Website:
  - School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism: [http://rht.gmu.edu/grad\\_EFHP/](http://rht.gmu.edu/grad_EFHP/)
  - College of Visual and Performing Arts: <http://dance.gmu.edu/>
- Clinic format experience
- Stipend and possible room and board
- **Contact information:** Jatin P. Ambegaonkar, Coordinator of Clinical Education [jambegao@gmu.edu](mailto:jambegao@gmu.edu) +1 703-993-2123

### Hope College

- **BA or BS (depending on course of study) dual major opportunities in:**
  - Dance / Engineering
  - Dance / Chemistry
  - Dance / Biology
  - Dance / Exercise Science
  - Dance / Psychology
- Holland, Michigan, USA
- 4 years
- Website: [www.hope.edu/academic/dance](http://www.hope.edu/academic/dance)
- **Contact information:** Linda Graham [graham@hope.edu](mailto:graham@hope.edu) or Stephanie Brumels [brumelss@hope.edu](mailto:brumelss@hope.edu) +1 616-395-7700

### Indiana University

- **BS in Kinesiology with a major or minor in dance**
- Bloomington, Indiana, USA
- 4 years
- Number of positions: 18
- Website: [www.indiana.edu/~kines/undergraduate/dance.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~kines/undergraduate/dance.shtml)
- **Contact information:** Elizabeth Shea, Coordinator [eshea@indiana.edu](mailto:eshea@indiana.edu) +1 812-855-7020

**Laban**

- **MSc in Dance Science**
- London, UK
- 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
- Website: [www.laban.org/dance\\_programmes/graduate\\_school\\_research\\_degree\\_programmes.phtml](http://www.laban.org/dance_programmes/graduate_school_research_degree_programmes.phtml)
- **Contact information:** Emma Reading, Course leader [E.Redding@laban.org](mailto:E.Redding@laban.org)

**Leicester College**

- **Higher National Diploma (HND) in Dance**
- Leicester, UK
- 2 years
- Website: [www.leicestercollege.au.uk](http://www.leicestercollege.au.uk)

**New York College of Podiatric Medicine**

- **Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)**
- New York, New York, USA
- Opportunities to become board certified in surgery of the foot and ankle, primary podiatric practice, specializations in orthopedics/ biomechanics and sports medicine, with an opportunity to sub-specialize in Dance Medicine.
- 4 year program, followed by 2-4 year residency at a major hospital
- Number of positions varies by year
- Website: [www.nycpm.edu](http://www.nycpm.edu)
- For specific questions, please email [rbenad@nycpm.edu](mailto:rbenad@nycpm.edu)

**University of Edinburgh**

- **MSc in Dance Science and Education**
- Edinburgh, UK
- 1 year full time, 2 years part time, or modular
- Website: [www.education.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-degrees/MScDSE](http://www.education.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-degrees/MScDSE)
- **Contact information:** Wendy Timmons, Programme Coordinator  
[wendy.timmons@education.ed.ac.uk](mailto:wendy.timmons@education.ed.ac.uk) +44 131 6516596

### University of Melbourne

- **Post-graduate diploma** in Dance Science
- Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 1 year
- Website: [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/dancecourses/](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/dancecourses/)
- **Contact information:** Jenny Kinder, Head of Dance [kinderj@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:kinderj@unimelb.edu.au)

### University of Oregon (UO)

- **MFA in Dance** with options to specialize in elective areas such as Dance Science
- Eugene, Oregon, USA
- 3 years
- Number of positions: 3 per year
- UO Dance maintains a close relationship with the Department of Human Physiology at UO and Dance Masters students can capitalize on this relationship through course options and laboratory research
- Upon graduation, it is possible for qualified Dance Masters students to articulate into the PhD program in Human Physiology
- MFA students are accepted who can serve as Graduate Teaching Fellows (GTF's) for a wide spectrum of Dance technique courses ranging from modern, ballet, jazz, tap, and hip hop to African, tango, and ballroom. GTF's come with a full tuition waiver, a monthly stipend, and medical insurance coverage
- Website: [www.uoregon.edu](http://www.uoregon.edu)
- **Contact information:** Steven Chatfield, PhD [stevenc@uoregon.edu](mailto:stevenc@uoregon.edu)

### University of South Florida

- **BA degree in Dance Studies** – option of combining dance with another area of interest, such as an area of the health sciences. Students who are interested in dance medicine/science take 15-17 focused electives, which are carefully chosen and can include courses such as: Care and Prevention of Physical Injuries, Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology, Physics, and Physiological Psychology. All students in the dance program are required to take dance kinesiology.
- Tampa, Florida, USA
- 4 year program
- Admission through dance placement audition and admissions application to USF.
- Website: <http://theatreanddance.arts.usf.edu>
- **Contact Information:** Merry Lynn Morris, Academic Advisor/Instructor, Theatre and Dance Programs [mmorris@arts.usf.edu](mailto:mmorris@arts.usf.edu) +1 813-974-1739

**University of Stuttgart, Department of Sport and Movement Science**

- Southwest Germany
- **B.A. in Physical Education & Sport Science**
  - 6 Semesters
  - Number of positions: 25
- **M.A. in Exercise Science: Health Promotion**
  - 4 Semesters
  - Number of positions: 15
- Test of German language skills must be completed before enrollment
- English language website:  
[www.uni-stuttgart.de/studieren/angebot/sport/index.en.html](http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/studieren/angebot/sport/index.en.html)
- Department website (German language):  
<http://www.sport.uni-stuttgart.de/inspo/>
- **Contact information:**
  - General course information: Dr. Uwe Gomolinsky  
[uwe.gomolinsky@sport.uni-stuttgart.de](mailto:uwe.gomolinsky@sport.uni-stuttgart.de) +49 0711 685-63162
  - Information relating to dance: Ms. E. Hollister Mathis-Masury  
[hollister.mathis-masury@sport.uni-stuttgart.de](mailto:hollister.mathis-masury@sport.uni-stuttgart.de) +49 0711 685-63184

**University of Utah**

- **MFA or BFA**
- Department of Modern Dance
- Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
- MFA: 3 years  
BFA: 4 years
- On the graduate level, students can focus on kinesiology for dance and other applications of dance science and/or somatics to dance. Thesis work in this area links science to artistry.
- Website: [www.dance.utah.edu](http://www.dance.utah.edu)
- **Contact information:**  
Stephen Koester, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies  
[stephen.koester@utah.edu](mailto:stephen.koester@utah.edu)  
Pamela Geber, Associate Professor, faculty member who teaches dance kinesiology and works with many students in the dance science/somatics area  
[p.geber@utah.edu](mailto:p.geber@utah.edu)

**University of Wolverhampton**

- **MSc Dance Science**
  - Taught in intensive blocks to allow overseas students to study on a tourist visa
- **PhD in Dance Medicine and Science**
- West Midlands, UK (encompassing Birmingham)
- Website: <http://courses.wlv.ac.uk/postGradCourse.asp?menu=1&id=2819&level=1>
- The University of Wolverhampton with its partners (Birmingham University, Coventry University and the Jerwood Centre) offers a wide range of research and study opportunities. Areas of expertise are in psychology, physiology, biomechanics and medicine, though we are always open to offers.
- **Contact information:** Matthew Wyon, PhD [m.wyon@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:m.wyon@wlv.ac.uk)

**University of Wyoming**

- **BFA (concentration in Dance Science)**
- Laramie, Wyoming, USA
- 4 years
- Number of positions: 3-4 per year
- Curriculum provides courses in dance medicine and science along with dance technique and performance
- Website: [www.uwyo.edu/thd2/prospective/](http://www.uwyo.edu/thd2/prospective/)
- **Contact information:** Margaret Wilson [mawilson@uwyo.edu](mailto:mawilson@uwyo.edu) +1 307-766-2229

**Virginia Commonwealth University**

- **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)**
- Richmond, Virginia, USA
- 3 years
- Dance Medicine elective module available, including clinical experience
- Website: [www.vcu.edu/pt/prospectivestudents/dpt.html](http://www.vcu.edu/pt/prospectivestudents/dpt.html)
- **Contact information:** Lisa Donegan Shoaf, Director of Clinical Education [ldshoaf@vcu.edu](mailto:ldshoaf@vcu.edu) +1 804-828-0234

**York University**

- **Honours BFA or Honours BA degree in Dance with Undergraduate Certificate in Dance Science**
- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 4 years
- Website: [www.yorku.ca/finearts/handbook/dance/certificates.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/finearts/handbook/dance/certificates.htm)
- **Contact information:** Professor Donna Krasnow [dkrasnow@yorku.ca](mailto:dkrasnow@yorku.ca)

## Internships

### California State University, Long Beach Dance Clinic

- **Student internship**
- Long Beach, California, USA
- Facility offers physical therapy, Pilates-based therapy, and preventative conditioning programs
- Internship appropriate for students interested in a career in the dance medicine field
- **Contact information:** John Siegel, Head Athletic Trainer, Department of Dance [jsiegel1@csulb.edu](mailto:jsiegel1@csulb.edu) +1 562-985-7076

### Motion Matters Physiotherapy Clinic

- **2 month internship**
- Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Physiotherapy clinic and exercise center specializing in dance
- Number of positions: 2
- Website: [www.Motionmatters.ca](http://www.Motionmatters.ca)
- **Contact information:** Joelle Segers [info@motionmatters.ca](mailto:info@motionmatters.ca) +1 613-237-4343

### University of California, Irvine

- **Internships available for undergraduate and graduate students**
- Irvine, California, USA
- Program will emphasize orthopaedic dance medicine and biomechanics
- **Contact information:** Jeff Russell [jeff.russell@uci.edu](mailto:jeff.russell@uci.edu) +1 949-824-1054

### Harkness Center for Dance Injuries at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases

- **Internship for undergraduates or recent college graduates**
- New York City, New York, USA
- Exposure to orthopaedic clinic and surgery observation, physical therapy/athletic training observation, research, and administration
- 8-10 weeks
- Website: [www.med.nyu.edu/hjd/harkness/edu\\_programs/college.html](http://www.med.nyu.edu/hjd/harkness/edu_programs/college.html) (application available on-line)
- **Contact information:** Megan Richardson [harkness@nyumc.org](mailto:harkness@nyumc.org)

## Clinical Placements

### OccuSport Physical Therapy

- **Clinical placement** in an elite sports medicine outpatient facility
- Willowbrook/Darian, Illinois, USA
- 3-6 months
- Suitable for a final placement or for a recent physical therapy graduate
- Clinic specializes in performing arts medicine including dance and gymnastics
- **Contact information:** Gina Pongetti [adagiogymnastics@hotmail.com](mailto:adagiogymnastics@hotmail.com)  
+1 630-607-8907

### Harkness Center for Dance Injuries at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases

- **Clinical placement** in the Physical Therapy department in the hospital
- New York City, New York, USA
- Website: [www.med.nyu.edu/hjd/harkness/edu\\_programs/pro.html#learning](http://www.med.nyu.edu/hjd/harkness/edu_programs/pro.html#learning)  
(application available on-line)
- **Contact information:** Rick Kassler +1 212-598-6054

## Other Programs

### Harkness Center for Dance Injuries at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases

- **Resident physician (MD) observational opportunity**
- New York City, New York, USA
- Available for physicians not enrolled in the NYU-HJD residency training program
- Opportunity to shadow two orthopaedic surgeons specializing in dance medicine
- Website: [www.med.nyu.edu/hjd/harkness/edu\\_programs/pro.html#learning](http://www.med.nyu.edu/hjd/harkness/edu_programs/pro.html#learning)  
(application available on-line)

### Tanz Medizin Deutschland e.V (TaMeD)

- **Certificate in Dance Medicine and Science (German-language)**
- Courses offered across Germany
- Yearly symposium, and courses offered in Anatomy and Physiology, Prevention and Rehabilitation, Nutrition, Psychology, and Practice
- Courses may be taken individually or applied to the certificate
- All courses offered in German
- Website: [www.tamed.de](http://www.tamed.de)