**Classrooms to Careers in Dance Studies**

**Are you interested in**:

* *Performance,*
* *Choreography,*
* *Helping people,*
* *Fitness and Well-being,*
* *The Arts,*
* *Travel,*
* *Working with at-risk youth,*
* *Fundraising, Grant Writing*

At Meredith, as a dance studies major you can perform and choreograph as early as freshman year, travel to conferences, study with guest artists, become a leader and ultimately shape your life in dance based on your strengths and talents. The major prepares students specifically for dance education and private studio teaching, and broadly for careers in performance, choreography, arts administration or further study in dance. Combined with a major or minor in psychology, students are prepared for graduate study in dance/movement therapy. There is no audition for the major, but we do audition for Meredith Dance Theatre, Meredith Jazz and Tap Company, the Professional Performance Certificate, and Freshman Travel Awards.

**Types of jobs:**

Studio Owner

Performer

Choreographer

Private Studio Instructor

Teacher

**Or attend graduate school for:**

Dance/Movement Therapy

Counseling with somatic or arts focus

Dance Education

Dance Fitness /Somatics/Massage Therapy certification programs

MFA in Arts Management

**Options for the major**

* BA in . . .
* Double major or minor in any additional related area of interest including: entrepreneurship, arts management, psychology,
* or include specific electives as needed for licensure requirements if you are interested in Elementary, Middle, or High School Teaching
* Opportunity to earn a Professional Performance Certificate
* Experiential opportunities
  + Performer/choreographer in Meredith Dance Theatre/Meredith Jazz and Tap Company/DanceWorks
  + Participation in Nu Delta Alpha
  + Chapel Dancers
  + Creative Arts Touring Company
  + Community based dance projects
  + Study Abroad

**Professional Associations –**

Nu Delta Alpha, national dance honor society ([www.aahperd.org/dance/nudeltaalpha](http://www.aahperd.org/dance/nudeltaalpha))

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance ([www.aahperd.org](http://www.aahperd.org))

**Career Outlook -**

Dancers and Choreographers

[www.bls.gov/ooh/Entertainment-and-Sports/Dancers-and-choreographers.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Entertainment-and-Sports/Dancers-and-choreographers.htm)

Dance Therapist

[www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/recreational-therapists.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/recreational-therapists.htm)

Dance Instructor

[www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes253021.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes253021.htm)

**Optional Information -**