

# Melissa Anderson

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## PROFILE

An innovative Dance Instructor with 10+ years of experience teaching engaging lessons in classical, neoclassical, romantic, and contemporary ballet. A strong history of developing and implementing dynamic teaching strategies to aid students in improving form and technique. Adept at creating beginner, intermediate, and advanced recital choreographies.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Senior Dance Instructor

Brooklyn Ballet Academy, New York, NY | May 2016 - Present

- Create engaging lesson plans, define curriculum, and develop recital choreographies for a variety of ballet styles, including classical, neoclassical, and contemporary
- Deliver advanced instruction to classes of up to 20+ students, evaluate posture and form, provide constructive feedback and positive reinforcement according to individual needs, and prepare students for national ballet competitions
- Improve student understanding of labanotation and utilize RAD teaching techniques to tailor the pace and style of lessons to maximize student growth and performance

### Dance Instructor

Redfield Dance Studio, New York, NY | May 2011 - May 2016

- Planned and taught lessons in contemporary ballet, jazz, ballroom dancing, and modern dance to students of various ages and backgrounds
- Coordinated with a team of five dance instructors to improve curriculum, support lesson planning, identify music selection for recitals, and plan choreographies

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Dance

Columbia University,  
New York, NY  
September 2007 - May 2011

## KEY SKILLS

- Dance Instruction
- Classical Ballet
- Latin Dance
- Contemporary Ballet
- Curriculum Development

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies, Royal Academy of Dance, 2014
- Associate Specialized Training Certificate, Dance Educators of America, 2011