

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

# Gifted and Talented Honors Dance



Employment of dancers and choreographers is projected to grow 27% over the next 10 years. Jobs are expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics)

*The Gifted and Talented Honors Dance Program is designed to develop the artistry that is within every dancer. The program teaches the fundamentals of dance, the rudiments of proper alignment, strength, flexibility, and balance. Students will learn elements of ballet, modern, jazz, improvisation, dance history, choreography, and lighting. Students will also have an opportunity to dance as part of the Repertory company and the Tap Co. that tour Somerset County. Fourth year students will have the opportunity to create, choreograph, light, costume, and present an original group dance work. Students graduate with a certificate verifying their dance training as well as a certificate in Beginner Mat Pilates. An audition is required to be selected for this highly competitive program. The Dance program has an articulation agreement with Raritan Valley Community College for Ballet 1 and Ballet 2.*

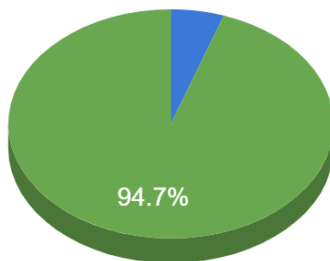
Curriculum:

- Year 1: Dance Fundamentals: basic terminology, correct body alignment, time, space, energy/force and shape
- Year 2: Dance Technique: continuing training in Ballet, Modern, Tap and Jazz dance techniques, dance pedagogy
- Year 3: Dance Expression: integration of dynamic alignment, choreography, and composition, teaching methods
- Year 4: Emergence & Career Development: dynamic alignment, correct technique, artistic interpretation, and production

Classes meet for 3 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week  
 Average number of new students accepted per year: 17  
 Opportunity for professional certifications: NO  
 Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

### Student Plans at Graduation

Dance



● 2 Year School ● 4 Year School

### Future Careers

Casting Agent	Dance Therapist
Choreographer	Physical Therapist
Dance Educator	Professional Dancer
Dance Studio Owner	Dance Performing Artist

### Recent Student Post-Secondary Destinations

Boston Conservatory	SUNY Purchase
County College of Morris	University of Illinois
George Mason University	Shenandoah University
Northwestern University	Fordham University
Pace University	Indiana University
University of the Arts	Drexel University
Montclair State University	Point Park University
Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University	

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## ***LITTLE STEPS PROGRAM***



The Little Steps program is a free program to the community. This program is an extension of our Teaching Methods curriculum. Dance students learn a framework of developing skills to teach young children ages 3-8. Classes taught include Creative Dance, Ballet, and Jazz.

## ***TAP Co.***

The dance department's touring Tap Company brings joy to the community through their dancing at senior centers, day care facilities, street fairs and various community events. Our dancers are exposed to various styles of tap technique in a wide variety of performance spaces and audiences. Our advanced tap students are offered opportunities to choreograph for the company and have their work presented in various venues.



## ***REPERTORY COMPANY***

The Repertory Company invites a New Jersey professional dance artist to set a dance work for the company. All students are invited to participate in the company's work. Dancers are given the opportunity to present the work in various theaters across the state and at our County Teen Arts Festival. The company's goal is to expand the concert dance performance experience for all that are interested in additional work outside our curriculum.



***This is an impressive opportunity to learn and grow as a professional dancer.***

## ***AUDITIONS REQUIRED***



All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. Some of the Gifted and Talented Honors Dance advisory panel members are:

Shana Bonetti  
Loretta Di Bianca Fois  
Lorinda Haver  
Phoebe Ballard  
Kelli McGovern

Owner, Epic Dance of Flemington  
RVCC Co-Chair Department of Arts & Design  
Owner/Director, Broadway Dance Theater  
Freelance Dancer, Choreographer, Writer  
Owner/Director, Rock Ballet

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