

What is the Assistant Teacher Award?

If you are a dance student aged between 14-18*, and are thinking of dance teaching as a career, the Assistant Teacher Award is a brilliant step towards finding out what it's like to be a dance teacher.

You will work with an experienced Approved Tutor who has the expertise to work with you as an Assistant Teacher. Your Approved Tutor will provide you with studio-based opportunities where you will be able to demonstrate a range of professional and teaching competencies that might be expected of an Assistant Teacher.

As well as meeting the competencies, you will produce a self-reflective report (verbal or written) on what you have learnt, and what you feel is still to learn as an Assistant Teacher. You will also need to have completed 60 hours of assistant teaching in one or several dance *genre* as agreed and verified by your Approved Tutor.

The period for completion of the Award depends on the skills and experience you bring. We estimate that most students will have completed your study and been assessed between one and two years. Some students may take less time if they have substantial previous experience, while others may take a little longer because of needing to manage other academic and personal commitments. The longest period for completion is five years.

The Assistant Teacher Award has been devised around a continuous assessment framework. This means you will agree with your Approved Tutor at what point in your studies you will demonstrate one or more of the competencies. If you are not completely successful first time round, you will be permitted several more attempts, over time, to demonstrate the required competency.

On successful completion of the Assistant Teacher Award, you will receive a record and report of your achievements as well as a certificate. While the Award does not carry UCAS points or similar, you will be able to evidence the personal, professional and transferrable skills you've gained to future employers and on personal statements. Finally, if you are still keen (which we hope you will be!) to take the next steps to formal

dance teaching qualifications, you will receive a discount on Faculty of Education programme fees at Level 4 and above.

Your first step in finding out more about the Assistant Teacher Award is to speak to a dance teacher who has been approved to deliver the Award. Or, you can email faculty@rad.org.uk and we will try to assist you with your questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

*14 years is the minimum age. While the focus of the programme is on 14-18 year olds, there is no upper age limit.