



# National Index of Dance Credentials and Standards

**\*Indicates State-Approved Credential in Dance**  
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*Alabama	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis II and Basic Skills Assessment	<a href="#">Requirements for Certification (PreK-12)</a>	<a href="#">Alabama Department of Education</a>  As of 2005, Certification is required in the art forms for PreK-12. Specific requirements are determined by accredited college or university and must meet certification laws of the state.
Alaska	<a href="#">Arts Content Standards</a>		Arts Endorsement (Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)	<a href="#">Teacher Certification</a>  <a href="#">A Report on Arts Education in Alaska Schools</a>
*Arizona	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>  <a href="#">Arts Education Certification</a>  (2005—Licensing in the arts requires 30 hrs. in content area)	<a href="#">Certification Application</a>

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*Arkansas	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>  <a href="#">Dance Curriculum Framework</a>	Praxis I	Technical Permit for Dance through office of Career Education (9 Credit Hours of Teacher Education Coursework)  <a href="#">Permit Information</a>	Certification is required to teach art, music or theatre. Arkansas has implemented a performance based certification for state educators.
California	<a href="#">Content Standards</a>	Must pass SSAT or PRAXIS II, or complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program and obtain verification of completion.	Credentials required are issued in music and visual arts. Dance/theatre teachers must obtain a PE or English single subject credential.	<a href="#">PE Guidelines</a> (includes dance) <a href="#">PE Webpage</a>  <a href="#">California Dance Education Association</a> CDEA is a NDEO State Affiliate currently advocating for a credential for dance educators in CA.
*Colorado	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>  Effective June 11, 2013 Colorado became the 38th State acquire an endorsement in dance.	<a href="#">Dance Endorsement Application</a>

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*Connecticut	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Must pass Praxis I PPST or obtain the Praxis I waiver.	<a href="#">Dance Teacher Certification</a>	Dance Certification and Endorsement through <a href="#">Central Connecticut University</a>
*Delaware	<a href="#">Standards for Visual and Performing Arts</a>		<a href="#">Standard Dance Teacher Certificate</a>	
*District of Columbia	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis Subject Assessment  <a href="#">Educator Licensure Exams</a>	<a href="#">Dance Certification Requirements (Section 1632)</a>  <a href="#">Teacher Certification</a>	<a href="#">Overview (Art: Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts)</a>
*Florida	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Certification in Dance</a>	<a href="#">Florida Fine Arts Report</a>  <a href="#">Dance Resources</a>
*Georgia	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Teacher Certification</a>	<a href="#">How to Become Certified in Georgia</a>

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Hawaii	<a href="#">Content and Performance Standards for Fine Arts (Includes Dance)</a>		Hawaii is currently one of eleven states in the nation that does not have a dance certification.  <a href="#">University of Hawaii at Manoa Proposal to Create Certificate in Dance</a>	A number of schools currently employ either full time dance teachers or part-time dance teachers who are limited in their positions because they are not yet certified.
Idaho	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		Lost Dance endorsement in 2006. New dance standards written Oct. 2016, but not approved yet. Dance is taught by K-8 all content certified teachers or K-12 PE certified teachers.	<a href="#">Arts &amp; Humanities Website</a>
*Illinois	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Licensure, Endorsement, and Approval Requirements (Includes Dance)</a>	<a href="#">Illinois Arts Learning Standards</a>
*Indiana	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Initial Practitioner and Licenses (Including Dance)</a>	<a href="#">Content Standards for Educators (Dance)</a>
Iowa			Certification is required for music and visual arts teachers for K-12.	<a href="#">Input Sought on Fine Arts Standards</a> in Iowa

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Kansas	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Licensure Guide</a>  Teachers with a Physical Education Endorsement can teach dance.	<a href="#">Fine Arts Resources</a>
*Kentucky	<a href="#">Arts and Humanities Standards</a> (includes dance)	Praxis (Principals of Learning and Teaching Grades K-6, 5-9, or 7-12)	<a href="#">Dance Certification</a> (restricted base certification)	
*Louisiana	<a href="#">Arts Content Standards</a> (includes dance)	Must pass Praxis exam	<a href="#">Dance Certification Add-on</a> <hr/> <a href="#">Teacher Certification</a> <hr/>	<a href="#">Dance Curriculum</a>  <a href="#">Approved Programs Offering Add-On Endorsements</a>
*Maine	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Endorsement Requirements</a>	

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*Maryland	<a href="#">Fine Arts Standards</a> (includes dance)	Praxis I is required for all beginning teachers	<a href="#">Certification in Dance</a>	
*Massachusetts	<a href="#">Arts Standards</a> (includes dance)	MTEL (Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure)	<a href="#">Dance Licensure</a>  <a href="#">License Requirements</a>	
*Michigan	<a href="#">Arts Standards</a> (includes dance)	MTTC (Michigan Test for Teacher Certification)	<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>	
*Minnesota	<a href="#">Academic Standards in the Arts</a> (includes dance)	<a href="#">Licensure Testing Information</a>	<a href="#">Dance Licensure Requirements</a>	
*Mississippi	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis I and II	<a href="#">Dance Licensure Requirements</a>	

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*Missouri	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	<a href="#">Missouri Content Area Exams</a>	<a href="#">Dance Certification Requirements</a>	
Montana	<a href="#">Arts Content Standards</a> (includes dance)		<a href="#">Areas of Permissive Special Competency</a> (Program Designed for Teachers Who Hold a Regular Montana Teaching Certificate and Want to Teach Skills in a Non-Endorsement Field)	
Nebraska	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Adding Endorsements</a>	There is currently no statewide certification for PreK-12 Dance; the state is in the process of making a supplemental endorsement for dance.
*Nevada	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Teaching Endorsement in Dance</a>	<a href="#">Teacher Shortage Areas</a> (Dance Grades 9-12 and Ethnic Dance 9-12 Listed)
*New Hampshire	<a href="#">Curriculum Framework for the Arts</a> (includes dance)		<a href="#">Dance Certification</a> and Requirements	<a href="#">Arts Education Resources</a>



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*New Jersey	<a href="#">Visual and Performing Arts Standards</a> (includes dance)	<a href="#">Performance Based Assessment of Teaching</a>	<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>  <a href="#">Dance Certificate</a>	
*New Mexico	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Performing Arts or Physical Education Endorsement</a> (includes dance under both fields)	
*New York	<a href="#">Arts Standards</a> (includes dance)	New York State Teacher Certification Exam-(EAS)	<a href="#">Dance Certification</a>	
*North Carolina	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis II	<a href="#">Educators License Requirements</a>  Dance educators must meet all NC licensure requirements.	
North Dakota	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis I	There is currently no credential in dance education, teachers can teach dance by becoming certified in Physical Education.  <a href="#">Licensure Requirements</a>	

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*Ohio	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	<a href="#">Ohio Assessment for Educators</a>	<a href="#">Credentials Required for Teaching Fine Arts Courses</a> (includes dance)  <a href="#">Educator Licensure</a>	
*Oklahoma	<a href="#">Visual Arts Standards</a> (not specific dance standards)	Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT)	<a href="#">Competencies for Licensure and Certification</a>  <a href="#">Teacher Certification</a>	
Oregon	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Limited Teaching License</a>	
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Arts and Humanities Standards</a> (dance included)		Dance educators are certified under <a href="#">CSPG 47 Health and Physical Education</a>	
*Rhode Island	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis II	<a href="#">Dance Certification</a>	

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*South Carolina	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Educator Certification</a> (includes dance)	<a href="#">Required Credentials</a>
South Dakota	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Performing Arts Permit</a>	
*Tennessee	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	Praxis	<a href="#">Teaching license with a dance endorsement</a>	
*Texas	<a href="#">Dance Curriculum Framework</a>	<a href="#">Required Tests Chart</a>	<a href="#">Teaching Certification</a>	<a href="#">Dance Teacher Standards</a>
*Utah	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>	
*Vermont	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>	

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*Virginia	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Endorsement</a>	<a href="#">Fine Arts Webpage</a>
*Washington	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Certification and Endorsement</a>	
*West Virginia	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>	<a href="#">Testing Directory</a>	<a href="#">Licensure Information</a>	WV has an endorsement in dance, however most educator candidates in WV who would like to teach dance much obtain another endorsement because not all WV public schools offer a specific dance class, or the class is not offered enough throughout the school day to fill an employment day. Also, WV does not have an educator preparation provider with a program in dance.
*Wisconsin	<a href="#">Dance Standards</a>		<a href="#">Dance Certification</a>	
Wyoming	<a href="#">Fine and Performing Arts (Dance) Standards</a>		<a href="#">Licensure Information</a>	

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