NDEO’s Online Professional Development Institute (OPDI) for Dance Education
Spring 2020 Semester - Test Prep Online Course Information - Current as of 2-6-20

OPDI-M16: Introduction to DELTA – Dance Entry Level Teacher Assessment
February 17 to April 12, 2020 - Registration & Payment Deadline February 13th
Professors: Dr. Elizabeth McPherson and Dr. Dale Schmid; Tuition $350; 2 NDEO-endorsed CEUs

This course is designed as preparatory course of study for people with an interest in sitting for the Dance Entry Level Teacher Assessment (DELTA). The DELTA exam measures pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) and subject specific content knowledge in dance and was created jointly by the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) and the State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE). The course explores the 10 Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) skills clusters within DELTA’s three Domains of Knowledge which include:
1) Core Dance Processes (Aligned to NCAS Artistic Processes: Creating, Performing, Responding & Connecting)
2) Teaching and Learning

In addition, this course explores the rationale for why DELTA is important to our field and how it was developed. There are no prerequisites for this OPDI course, but it is highly recommended that prior to the start date, the student reviews the following webpages and/or documents. Understanding this intellectual content is the basis for successful completion of the DELTA.
- DELTA webpages - www.ndeo.org/delta
- National Core Arts Standards in Dance - www.ndeo.org/nccas
- NDEO Opportunity to Learn Standards – www.ndeo.org/otl
- NDEO Professional Teaching Standards for Dance Arts (PTSDA) - www.ndeo.org/ptsda
- DELTA Conceptual Framework (Domains of Knowledge & PCK skills clusters) - www.ndeo.org/aboutdelta

Who should take this course? Anyone with an interest in dance education and dance teacher preparation may take this course. However, it is specifically designed for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing K-12 public school dance certification and/or endorsement; whether through a dance education degree program or an alternate route pathway. This may include professional dancer artists and performance majors who wish to transition into the field of dance education. In some cases, DELTA is used as an entrance requirement into graduate or undergraduate dance education programs. Another important and large targeted audience is administrators of K-12 and university dance ed programs so they may assess and realign their institution's current curriculum with test requirements. The course also welcomes seasoned dance education professionals from any teaching environment who want to stay abreast of dance ed content knowledge, or expand personal and professional expertise, or strengthen a resume.

You can take the course (M16) without taking the Exam. You can also take the Exam without taking the course.

Before you can register for this OPDI Course, you will need a current NDEO Membership and you will need to complete the short online OPDI application (if you have not previously done so).

www.ndeo.org/membertypes
www.ndeo.org/opdiapply

How to Register for the Course: To register for an OPDI course just log into your NDEO member account at www.ndeo.org and proceed to the drop down menu under your name in the top right corner, then click on the Profile link, then on Access OPDI link within your Profile to find all the courses that are open for enrollment. Click on the Enroll icon and proceed to register and pay for the course. You must register and pay the tuition no later than the Thursday before the course starts.

The DELTA Exam will be offered online by our partner, SEADAE, in late Spring 2020.
Exam date and registration information coming soon.