

NDEO's Online Professional Development Institute (OPDI) for Dance Education

Spring 2019 Semester – Online Test-Prep Course Information

OPDI-M16: Introduction to DELTA – Dance Entry Level Teacher Assessment

February 18 to April 14, 2019 (Deadline to register and pay is February 14, 2019)

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This course is designed as preparatory course of study for people with an interest in sitting for the Dance Entry Level Teacher Assessment (www.ndeo.org/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 (aka DELTA Conceptual Framework - www.ndeo.org/conceptualframework) which include: 1) Core Dance Processes, 2) Teaching and Learning, and 3) Policies, Facilities, and Technical Production.

In addition, this course reviews the National Core Arts Standards in Dance, NDEO Opportunity to Learn Standards, NDEO Professional Teaching Standards for Dance Arts (PTSDA), and the NDEO Standards for Dance in Early Childhood, and explores the rationale for why DELTA is important to our field and how it was developed. The course concludes with a 20-question practice exam.

For more information on the standards reviewed in this course:

- 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
- NDEO Standards for Dance in Early Childhood – www.ndeo.org/ecstandards

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. *Disclaimer: It is up to the examinee to confirm with their institution or employer if they will accept the DELTA exam result as proof of competency.*

The DELTA Exam will be offered between April 15 and May 17, 2019. You can take the DELTA exam without taking this online course (OPDI-M16). NDEO-Member price for the exam is \$125. Non-Member price is \$175. Information on how to Register for the Exam will be posted on the NDEO website by March 1, 2019.

The exam will be offered online (examinee will need a computer with webcam and internet access) and at several colleges across the US.

How To 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) in order to register and pay for this course.

NDEO Membership Requirement: All accepted OPDI students must have a current "individual" Membership in NDEO (Professional, Graduate Student, Undergrad, Retiree or PhD/EdD) before they can register for courses. If the institution where you are the main contact has a current NDEO Institutional Membership and you want to register for an OPDI course, please call 301-585-2880 or email opdi@ndeo.org to request your free OPDI Membership which is available to you as the main contact. www.ndeo.org/membertypes

How to Apply to OPDI: If you are NOT an OPDI student yet, then you need to complete the OPDI online application before you can register for courses. If you are an NDEO member, please login to your NDEO member account before completing the OPDI application so that you do not have to pay the application fee. If you complete the application as a non-member then the application fee is \$25. 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 for this course by 2-14-19.**