

## What is VCE VET Dance?

VCE VET Dance is a nationally recognized dance course. CUA20120 Certificate II in Dance with elements of CUA30120 Certificate III in Dance.

VCE VET Dance is a pre-vocational course, and will prepare you to audition for further training as dancer, dance teacher or choreographer. The course allows you to gain knowledge on the dance industry, how it works, what is expected of you and possible pathways within dance.

The VCE VET Dance program is drawn from a national training package and offers a portable qualification which is recognised throughout Australia. This qualification provides students with a broad range of skills and knowledge to pursue a career or further training in the live performance industry.

Scored assessment is available for the Scored Units 3 and 4 sequence of the VCE VET Dance program

## Does VET Dance contribute to my ATAR?

Yes VCE VET Dance contributes to your ATAR score in the following way: 2 solos (one in each dance style) contribute 50% to your ATAR score for VCE School assessed coursework contributes the other 50% of your ATAR score



For more details, see the VCE VET Dance page on the VCAA website [here](#).

## What do I need to do to qualify?

There are no prerequisites to enroll in the VCE VET Dance course, although previous experience in dance will be an advantage. It is recommended that students take unit 1&2 before commencing units 3&4. Students may commence VCE VET Dance in year 10, accelerated, or year 11. If a student wishes to only complete units 3&4 they will have to apply to their school for consideration.

## What does the course involve?

### Course Structure

VCE VET Dance CUA20120 Certificate II in Dance and CUA30120 Certificate III in Dance. VCE VET Dance course is delivered over two years part-time, an option for a 3rd year is also available. Students should preferably complete Units 1 & 2 (year 1) before enrolling in Units 3 & 4 (year 2).

### Units 1&2

#### Core units

CUADAN211 Develop basic dance techniques

CUAPRF211 Prepare for live performances

CUAWHS111 Follow safe dance practices

CUAWHS211 Develop a basic level of physical fitness for dance performance  
BSBTWK201 Work effectively with others

#### Elective units (choose 2)

CUADAN213 Perform basic jazz dance techniques

CUADAN215 Perform basic contemporary dance techniques

CUADAN216 Perform basic ballet techniques

CUADAN217 Perform basic tap techniques

CUADAN218 Perform basic street dance techniques

CUADAN219 Perform basic cultural dance techniques

CUADAN220 Perform basic lyrical dance techniques

## Units 3&4

### Core units

CUAPRF317 Develop performance techniques

CUADAN212 Incorporate artistic expression into basic dance performances

CUAIND211 Develop and apply creative arts industry knowledge CUAPRF314  
Develop audition techniques

### Elective units (choose 2)

CUADAN315 Increase depth of jazz dance techniques

CUADAN316 Increase depth of ballet dance techniques

CUADAN317 Increase depth of cultural dance techniques

CUADAN318 Increase depth of contemporary dance techniques CUADAN319  
Increase depth of street dance techniques

CUADAN320 Increase depth of social dance techniques

CUADAN321 Increase depth of tap dance techniques

CUADAN322 Increase depth of lyrical dance techniques

## VCE VET Dance study hours

The nominal hours for VCE VET Dance depend on which elective units/dance styles you choose, and range from 320 to 400 hours over the two years of the course.

## Where can VET Dance lead me?

### CAREER PATHWAYS many include:

- Certificate IV in Dance and Performance
- Certificate IV in Dance – Teaching and Management
- Certificate IV in Dance – Classical Ballet
- Diploma of Dance – Teaching and Management
- Diploma of Dance – Classical Ballet and Contemporary
- Diploma of Arts – Classical Dance
- Diploma of Dance and Performance
- Bachelor of Arts (Dance)
- Bachelor of Creative Arts (Dance)
- Bachelor of Arts (Music Theatre) (Dance)
- Choreographer

- Community Dance Worker
- Dancer
- Dance Critic
- Dance Teacher
- Dance Therapist
- Dance Writer
- Allied Health Practitioner
- Physiotherapist
- Pilates or Yoga instructor
- Dance Studio Owner

## **Who will my teachers be?**

Our trainers are all highly skilled. Trainers are required to regularly update their skills and are annually reviewed by DTO to assure the highest quality training. Our trainers always consider individual student needs and are experienced in tailoring the course for their students with the help of the DTO network.

## **Why train with Dance Training Organisation?**

### **What makes our program unique**

Our course developers have over 50 years experience between them in teaching VET Dance, having worked in school settings, private studios and with distance learning. Our course is written and revised regularly by industry professionals to reflect current industry trends. We care about our students moving into the industry with up to date knowledge.

DTO is solely focused on our trainers and students, we do not run other non accredited programs but are here to support and assist our partner schools and students.



## Let's hear from one of our past VET Dance students.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/studentguides/getvet/Pages/Meg.aspx>

**VCE VET Dance**

**MY VET SUCCESS STORY**

**Meg**

**Secondary School Teacher, Dance Teacher,**

**VCE VET Dance External Exam Assessor**

What I loved about VET was that it was practical and related to current industry knowledge and practice.



### **Why I chose VET**

I chose VET so I could incorporate my passion for the performing arts with my schooling. I wanted to focus on learning about the current performing arts industry and preparing to work in the industry after school.

### **What I got out of VET**

VET Dance gave me opportunities to participate in mock and real auditions, develop my choreography skills, develop my performance skills and build my performing arts network. I was able to develop a resume for the performing arts industry and gain knowledge about dance psychology, nutrition, fitness, safe dance practices and anatomy to understand the importance of staying physically and mentally healthy.



## **My VET success story**

The knowledge and network I gained from the VET Dance course also allowed me to gain employment in the performing arts industry, giving me the opportunity to earn money while I was at university. I was also fortunate enough to help teach the VET Dance course and many other classes at Isolation Performing Arts Studio. It was great to be able to pass on my skills and knowledge to the next generation of students.

### **My advice**

Take every opportunity to gain experience and knowledge from industry-based teachers and professionals. If you can combine a passion of yours with school it makes learning so much easier and enjoyable because you're excited to go to class every week!

## My Pathway

### 1 Completed

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Psychology

Legal Studies

Health and Human Development

English

Mathematical Methods

### 3 Completed

University

Bachelor of Arts

(Psychology and Criminology)

Masters of Teaching (Secondary)

Employed part-time (as above)

### 2 Completed

Employed part-time (gap year)

Professional Dancer

Dance Teacher

Dance Office Administration/Manager

Children's Entertainer

Swim Instructor

### 4 Current

Employed full-time

Secondary School Teacher

Employed part-time

Dance Teacher

VCE VET Dance Performance Assessor for  
VCAA



## My Awards

Premier's VCE Award  
for VET VCE Dance