



What Can I Do with a Major in...

Dance

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Actor/Actress
Artistic Director-Dance Comp.
Choreographer
College Professor
Company Manager
Dance Critic
Dance Director
Dance Historian-writer
Dance Notation Specialist
Dance Reconstructor
Dance Therapist
Liturgical Dancer
Mime Artist
Model
Performance Artist
Publicity Directory
Recreation Therapist
Sales Representative
Teacher

Leadership/Management Skills

- Conceptualizing
- Directing others and motivating people
- Making and keeping a schedule
- Predicting and evaluating future trends and patterns

Communication/Writing Skills

- Articulateness
- Coordinating or directing others in a group performance
- Expressing ones feelings appropriately
- Dealing with the public
- Identifying and communicating value judgment effectively

Research/Analytical Skills

- Developing new approaches to problems
- Applying information creatively to solve specific problems
- Analyzing and evaluating ideas and presentations
- Analyzing the interrelationships of evens and ideas from several perspectives

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Fashioning or shaping things or materials
- Dealing creatively with colors and shapes
- Conveying felling and thought through movement
- Directing a performance
- Dealing creatively with symbols or images

Other Skills

- Able to perform in front of small and large groups of people
- Physical flexibility
- Able to keep rhythm

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Careers for the Stagestruck & Other Dramatic Types

Dancing...for a Living

How to Run a Theatre

Opportunities in Visual Arts Careers

Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos094.htm

(Dancers/Choreographer)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos093.htm (Actors/Directors)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos095.htm (Musicians)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos298.htm (Event Planner)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealists.org

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

Arts Opportunities

www.artsopportunities.org

Dance

www.dance.net

Dance/USA

www.danceusa.org

Spotlight on Careers

www.spotlightoncareers.org

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Dance Guild

www.americandanceguild.org

American Dance Therapy Association

www.adta.com

American Guild of Musical Artists

www.musicalartists.org

Cecchetti Council of America

www.cecchetti.org

Dance Educators of America

www.deadance.com

Dance Notation Bureau

www.dancenotation.org

Dance/USA

www.danceusa.org

International Association of Dance Medicine and Science

www.iadms.org

National Dance Association

www.aahperd.org/nda

National Dance Education Organization

www.ndeo.org

Sacred Dance Guild

www.sacreddanceguild.org

Society of State Directors and Choreographers

www.ssdcc.org

Hope Graduates in the Dance World

Actor and Film Distribution/Production Manager.....	Standing Films
Artistic Director of Modern Dance Company.....	Next Step Dance
Artistic Director.....	Legion Arts
Assistant to Director of Programming.....	Joyce Theatre
Ballet Teacher.....	Turning Pointe School of Dance
Business Manager.....	Carolina Performing Arts Center
Christian Dance Company Apprentice.....	Ad Deum Dance Company
Dance Educator.....	Lima City Schools
Dance Instructor.....	Arthur Murray
Dance Instructor/Co-Owner.....	Just Dance!
Dance Teacher.....	Ada Dance Academy
Dance Teacher.....	Ginny's Danceworks
Dancer and Teacher.....	Ballet Academy East; the Joyce Theatre
Development Director.....	Grand Rapids Ballet
Director of Communications.....	Greater Ottawa County United Way
Director.....	Praesulto Ballet Ensemble
Exercise Physiologist.....	Rush University Medical Center
Instructor.....	Allegan Area Arts Council
Manager, Usher Services.....	John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Media Planner/Buyer.....	Starcom MediaVest Group
Operations Manager.....	Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Performing Apprentice.....	Giordano Jazz Dance
Pilates Certified Personal Trainer.....	Whiting Community Hospital
President.....	Opera Grand Rapids
Producer.....	Lion King on Broadway
Public Relations.....	Edelman PR Worldwide
Senior Vice President, Pottery Barn Creative.....	Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma Inc.
Special Events Coordinator.....	League of the Chicago Theatres
Stage Manager.....	The Blue Man Group
Teacher.....	Brighton School of Ballet
Wedding Planner.....	Self-employed