

DANCE SKILLS

DEVELOPED AT MESA COLLEGE

Communication

Developing good, open, verbal and nonverbal communication skills will help you work with students, clients, or patrons of the arts to achieve your goals for them. Informing others invested in the arts as well as those supporting the arts of dance as a necessary component of human existence. Persuading others to change their minds or behavior. Communicating effectively in writing, as appropriate for the needs of the specific audience.

Active Listening/Learning

Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times. Identifying and understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.

Social Perspectives

Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do to environment and social groups. Being compassionate about what individual artist will contribute.

Critical Thinking

Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems. Being able to see all sides of a problem and different ways to solve an issue are inherent in Dance.

Decision Making

Decision-making goes hand in hand with critical thinking skills. Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one. Once issues are identified, you should have strong abilities to present a plan to correct behaviors and attitudes.

Instructing

Effectively teaching, or showing, a student or a patron how to change behavior, physicality, attitude, etc. Motivating, developing, and directing people as they work, identifying the best people for the job.

Monitoring

Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action. Persuading others to change their minds or behavior.

Service Orientation

If you enjoy working directly with people, this is the right subject matter for you. Dancers and movement artists all work closely with people to improve their lives. A desire to help people make individual changes, and incorporating what you have learned, will help you become successful.