

Vancouver Community College & Arts Umbrella Dance Diploma

This unique partnership between Arts Umbrella and Vancouver Community College (VCC) furthers the Graduate Program with academic classes in arts and culture, rhythm training and professional business skills through VCC. After successful completion of the program, students will earn a dance diploma granted under the authority of the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education. Applicants must be at an advanced ballet level, and meet the requirements of VCC.

Candidates for the Vancouver Community College & Arts Umbrella Dance Diploma must apply through [Vancouver Community College](#).

Arts Umbrella Graduate Program

This program provides high-level dance training towards a professional career in dance. Applicants must be at an advanced ballet level with a pre-professional background. The program consists of daily classes at Arts Umbrella, including ballet, Cecchetti exam prep, pointe work and modern dance training. The program also features residencies with guest choreographers and rehearsals with the Arts Umbrella Dance company.

Live Audition Dates

Auditions will be held at Arts Umbrella, Granville Island, Vancouver. Any changes in audition times will be posted on website.

January 16, 2011 10:30 am–12:00 pm **Register to attend this audition by January 7, 2011.** (Registration form attached)

March 6, 2011 10:30 am–12:00 pm **Register to attend this audition by February 25, 2011.** (Registration form attached)

Live Audition Requirements

Arrive a minimum of 1 hour before audition to sign in and warm up. You must bring a current head shot (4"x 6"). Please note this photo will not be returned. Audition will consist of a full ballet class.

Dress code for the audition: hair neatly pulled back, appropriate dance attire (no baggy, loose clothing) and ballet shoes (including pointe shoes for those already on pointe).

DVD Audition Requirements

Applicants who are unable to attend the live auditions listed above may instead send an audition package which includes all of the following:

DVD

Letter of reference

Current head shot (4"x 6")

Audition registration form (attached)

DVD must demonstrate the following elements:

Close-up of face and figure

Barre work (one side only) including pliés, tendus & dégagé, adagé with arabesque and attitude lines, grands battements

Centre practice & pirouettes from 5th, 2nd or 4th position on the right and left sides, en dehors and en dedans

Allegro including one warm-up jump to include sauté, glissade, assemblé, and travelling jumps including grand jeté en tournant and jeté en avant

Pointe work (for girls already on pointe) including échappé relevé in 2nd and 4th positions, retiré relevé, and diagonal of piqué turns

Solo 1-2 minute solo variation in classical or contemporary

Male dancers: all of the above (except pointe), as well as tour en l'air (single or double), and batterie

The letter of reference should be from a current dance teacher supporting the student's application and outlining the student's work ethic, focus, strength and stamina, and ability to take direction and excel in an intense program.

DVD Audition packages are to be received by **January 23, 2011** and sent to the attention of the Dance Registrar, Student Services, Arts Umbrella. Applicants from outside Canada can avoid Canada Customs charges and delays by making the following declaration on the package: "Personal Audition Video: No Commercial Value".

Important Dates

January 23, 2011 DVD audition submissions deadline for Vancouver Community College & Arts Umbrella Dance Diploma and Arts Umbrella Graduate Program.

February 16, 2011 Successful candidates from January 16 audition notified by this date.

March 30, 2011 Summer Dance Intensive enrollment opens.

April 6, 2011 Successful candidates from March 6 audition notified by this date.

June 1, 2011 Registration for Arts Umbrella Graduate Program opens. (Full program enrollment is required. Regretfully no partial enrollments will be considered.)

June 30, 2011 Summer Dance Intensive enrollment closes. Payment is due in full by this date.
Participation in the Summer Dance Intensive (August 8–26, 2011) is not compulsory, but is highly recommended for successful candidates.

audition registration form

VCC & ARTS UMBRELLA DANCE DIPLOMA / GRADUATE PROGRAM 2011-2012

Please note: incomplete forms will not be processed. Please print clearly.

Applicant's Name (first and last)	Birthdate	Grade as of Sept. 2011	M/F
Address	City/Province	Postal Code	Phone
Primary Email (required for notification purposes)			
Parent's Name	Cell	Phone	Email
Parent's Name	Cell	Phone	Email
Current dance school	# Of Classes / Week	Method / Level	Last exam passed
Are you currently training on pointe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please indicate below which program(s) you are auditioning for:

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September 2011–June 2012

Arts Umbrella Graduate Program
September 2011–June 2012

Summer Dance Intensive
August 8–26, 2011

Note: Participation in the Summer Dance Intensive is not compulsory, but is highly recommended for successful candidates.

don't forget!

Fax, mail or drop off your completed audition registration form to Dance Registrar:
1286 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3R8. Fax: 604.681.5272

Audition registration form

\$20 Audition Fee Payment (for all dancers not currently attending Arts Umbrella)

Money order payable to Arts Umbrella OR Credit Card Visa Mastercard

Name on card _____

Card number _____

Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Please do not provide information on future Arts Umbrella events or fundraising.

For more information, contact: Marilyn Seki, Dance Registrar, Student Services, mseki@artsumbrella.com, 604.681.5268 x200