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Teaching Experience

Muhlenberg Community Dance Center Teacher

MCDC, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

Have taught ballet and modern to various age groups. Lead large groups of students, and work with individual students to provide more focused assistance. Write lesson plans, plan and choreograph for performances. Have experience teaching in-person in the studio as well as virtually through Zoom.

January 2020 - Present

Jazz Dance After School Program Teacher

Cleveland Elementary School, Allentown, PA

Fieldwork for the college course Teaching Dance Technique. Worked with a co-teacher to create and teach a jazz class for 4th and 5th-grade students which focused on an introduction to jazz technique and functioned as an opportunity for students to explore their interests in dance.

September - November 2019

Creative Dance After School Program Teacher

Hiram Dodd Elementary School, Allentown, PA

Fieldwork for the college course Teaching Dance Theory and Methods. Worked with three other college students to create a five-week curriculum for 4th and 5th-grade students, which focused on introducing creative dance and other technique concepts, and helping students to both learn about dance, and think independently and creatively about what interests them most.

March - April 2019

Assistant/Substitute Dance Teacher

Country Roads Dance Academy, Crosswicks, NJ

Help teach dance classes for all ages, from preschool to teen. Ballet, lyrical/modern, and jazz/hip-hop/theatre dance.

September 2010 - Present

Performance Experience

Muhlenberg College:

Fall Dance Gallery 2019
Candlelight Carols 2018
Fall Dance Gallery 2018
Spring Dance Gallery 2018
Candlelight Carols 2017
Fall Dance Gallery 2017

Production Experience

Muhlenberg Community Dance Center Spring Production

MCDC, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

Worked on the props committee 2020, planning and designing props. Have also worked backstage at tech and dress rehearsals and performances in a variety of tasks, including: taking care of younger performers, cleaning dressing rooms and studio spaces, fixing costumes, communicating with parents of performers, and ushering performers to and from stage.

May 2018, 2019, 2020

Additional Related Experience

New York City Ballet Shadow Day

New York City Ballet Department of Membership, New York, NY

Visited the Membership department of NYCB during a Dress Rehearsal event, helping to communicate with and check in members for the event and guide them to various areas of the event, learning firsthand about a career in arts administration.

May 2019

College Connect

Muhlenberg College Office of Community Engagement, Allentown, PA

Work with children from Allentown Public Schools, giving campus tours and leading groups around campus to different events and activities, answering questions and helping during the activities, which include a dance section.

February 2019 - Present

Dance Camp Counselor**Hamilton Area Sawmill YMCA, Hamilton, NJ**

Was in charge of various groups of children during summer day camp, leading games and activities, providing pool supervision, and helping kids of all ages to learn, stay safe, and have fun. Specifically was in charge of the Dance camp, choreographing short pieces for campers to perform for family at the end of each week.

May - August 2018**Fusion Dance Centre Shadow Day****Fusion Dance Centre, Roselle Park, NJ**

Visited and shadowed the Managing Director. Helped with office work, including recital planning and organization. Also assisted in teaching ballet classes for two and three-year-olds.

January 2018***Skills***

Dance Educator**Writer*****Relevant Coursework***

Advanced Research in Dance Senior Seminar

Currently conducting research on the relationship between dance criticism and the internet.

Anatomy and Kinesiology**Dance History****Dance Composition****Teaching Dance Technique****Teaching Dance Theory and Methods****Dance and Society****Biology of Movement*****Education***

Muhlenberg College**Allentown, PA**

Majors: Dance (Education Concentration), English

Graduation Date: May 2021