



## Central to Creative Movement.

Central's BS/BA in Dance Education develops students' knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed for pursuing either business-based dance careers or PK to grade 12 teaching careers.

Graduates prepare to teach dance at the highest level. Students show evidence of possessing a strong, well-rounded background in dance pedagogy, history, research, learning theory, and practicum to become highly qualified teaching artists.

### PROGRAM OPTIONS

- **Dance Entrepreneurship:** Combines dance education praxis with business skills. Students graduate with the knowledge and skills to handle the marketing and managerial side of running a successful business.
- **PK-12 Dance Education:** Provides students with certification to teach dance full-time in the public school system.

### Program Features

- State's only dance program specializing in dance education
- Powerful amalgam of dance, education, business, and marketing
- Courses taught by faculty knowledgeable in various dance education fields, ranging from ballet to ballroom and from absolute beginner to professional
- Learn from regionally and internationally acclaimed guest artists
- Experiential learning opportunities
- Learn and apply the latest teaching and dance techniques
- Chances to perform on- and off-campus
- Financial aid and scholarships available
- Free on-campus child care available



### Career Preparation

Central graduates go on to careers as dance studio owners, business entrepreneurs, CEOs, and managing directors.



**The purpose of the Central Dance Programs is to produce highly qualified dance educators for public schools, independent dance entrepreneurs, and talented performers. Our programs are committed to embracing personal development, diversity, wellness, knowledge and skills, dance-technical training, and choreography. We emphasize the creative process and sharpen our scholars' minds to aim for skill acquisition applicable beyond the dance classroom.**

**Central dance students actively participate in community engagement activities on and off campus through varied outreach programs and artist-in-residence programs with visiting dance professionals. Our students also are given the opportunity to perform student works, faculty choreography, and pieces by visiting guest artists. We hope you will join our talented student body.**

**- Pascal Rekoert, Program Coordinator**



### Clubs

**Dancentral** is Central's student performing dance ensemble. The company presents several dance performances every year and conducts a variety of dance in education programs for public schools. Dancentral has toured more than 40 Connecticut public schools giving lecture demonstrations and workshops promoting dance in education. The company also has brought internationally renowned companies to New Britain and the Greater Hartford area.

Central's **Dance Team** performs at all home football and men's and women's basketball games. They dance and participate in on-campus events like pep rallies, open house, and orientation. The team regularly competes in the UDA National College Dance Competition in Pom, Hip-Hop, and game day categories.

**COLADA** is Central's Organization for Latin American Dance Awareness that promotes the further understanding and awareness of the Latin American culture through music and dance. The club educates other on the various types and styles of music and dance in Latin American culture and encourages individuals of all ethnic backgrounds to participate.

**The Pep Squad** performs hip hop style dance routines at sporting events, campus social events, talent shows, community presentations, and intercollegiate contests. The squad also hosts a dance competition and attends competitions hosted by other Connecticut schools.

Whether you are a seasoned dancer or a beginner, **Central's Line Dancing Club** welcomes you to join and experience the joy of dance in a friendly and welcoming environment. No prior dance experience required. The club meetings consist of dance lessons, open dance time, and lots of time to build community.



**This program will help you expand your knowledge and versatility, but it will also find you a consistent job.**

**- Karilyn Villarini, Alum**



PROGRAM WEBSITE

#### ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

