

Dance Instructor

Masterwork Academy



Our vision

Masterwork Academy is a ministry of First Church Tulsa. Established in 2017 and framed by a Christian worldview, Masterwork Academy provides training in the fine arts for under resourced students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue formal arts education.

Our vision is to see every child who participates in Masterwork fully live into their identity as a Masterwork through the transforming power of Christ. We pursue this vision through our mission of cultivating in children a love for Jesus through mastery in the arts. Masterwork's mission is achieved by interweaving messages about Jesus Christ into every discipline's lessons.

First Church Tulsa is an orthodox and evangelical faith community in the Reformed tradition, called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ: inwardly strong, outwardly focused. Our belief statement can be found here:

<https://firstchurchtulsa.org/about/beliefs>

The role

The Dance Instructor for Masterwork Academy will train students, ages K – 5th grades, in the basic principles of dance and creative movement. The Instructor will create engaging lesson plans and choreography that focus proper form and technique, movement exploration, coordination, and creativity.

We believe dance is a universal language that helps us understand different cultures, work together, and express ourselves. Because of this, we value interdisciplinary collaboration among our core disciplines: visual art, dance, music, and theatre. Masterwork Academy's dance program is designed to help students use their imaginations, stay disciplined, and take care of their bodies. The Dance Instructor will teach the basics of dance and help students see God's creativity in the world He made, find beauty, and be image bearers through dance.

Essential Functions	Hours
70% Teaching Dance Classes.	Part-time , School year + 2 weeks in summer
25% Preparing Lesson Plans.	Regular, based on 20 hours per week
5% Administrative, meetings, events, other duties as required.	Non-Exempt

Statement of Understanding

I have received, read and understand the general requirements of this job (cont. on page 2).

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Manager

Date

Key responsibilities

- Teach children the principles of dance:
 - How to warm up and move safely
 - Physical fitness and good health
 - Creative movement
 - Properly execute dance postures and techniques
 - Dancer etiquette and discipline
 - Include historical and cultural elements of dance—introducing genres from hip-hop and jazz to ballet and traditional folk styles.
- Plan and execute a balanced dance program, allowing time for instruction as well as plan and prepare for performance rehearsals.
- Design and choreograph dance pieces for the children to perform.
- Help students develop stage presence.
- Show children videos of various dances, plan field trips to watch performances, invite professional dancers to visit the Academy, and demonstrate dance techniques in the studio.
- Instruct children how to properly take care of dance shoes, apparel, and equipment.
- Evaluate each student's dance abilities, performance, aptitude, and understanding.
- Define and communicate expectations/procedures for students and volunteers in the dance studio.
- Develop and maintain a classroom record for each student as part of the Masterwork database.

Expectations

- **Internal:** Reports to Executive Director of Masterwork Academy and works closely with the Principal. Collaborates with other Instructors.
- **External:** Works directly with the students. Also builds relationships with Masterwork families and the community.

Key skills and experience required

- *Must enjoy working with children* and be able to communicate using both concrete and abstract concepts.
- Professional training in dance is required + 3 years experience teaching children.
- Biblical knowledge and agreement with our statement of faith is required.
- Knowledge of teaching methods, classroom management, foundations of education, and child psychology is preferred.
- An outstanding candidate excels in ballet, jazz, hip-hop, and contemporary dance.

How to apply

Email and/or send resume to tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org or call 918-584-4701. For additional information about the role, call Jenette McEntire, Masterwork Academy Executive Director, at 918-954-1101 or email jmcentire@masterworkacademy.org.