

OHIO BALLROOM DANCE TEACHERS ACADEMY "Where YOU Determine The Brightness Of Your Future, The Joy In Your Journey And The Course For Your Life!"

Congratulations!

You are considering an exciting adventure! The *Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy* is an excellent opportunity leading towards your becoming a highly trained and certified ballroom dance professional.

Who is the Ballroom Teachers Academy For?

Anyone that has a sincere interest in improving their own dancing... or helping to raise the standard of dance professional in the dance community is ideal for this program. In short, there is no reason NOT to be a part of this exciting and dynamic program if you are able.

Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy is right for...

- The individual that desires to make a career change, or start a new career
- Any adult who loves dance and may want to improve their abilities to share that passion with others, even if they have never danced
- Amateur dancers who have taken years of private lessons

These main three categories of people and everything in-between are welcome to train for a career as a professional ballroom dance teacher.

Perhaps you've never danced a step in your life or have taken classes just for fun. Now you're curious about the next step and would like to train to become a dance teacher.

Have no fear. Teaching dance is a career option for everyone, and the Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy is the perfect place to start realizing your dream with our dance teacher education programs.

Many of the finest dancers came to dancing later in life, or switched from an unrelated career and now are becoming successful dance instructors who provide quality dance instruction.

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Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy (OBDTA) is organized into four quarters, with each quarter having a length of 4 months. To avoid conflicting with many work schedules for 'day' jobs the classes are held on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The length of the entire program is approximately 16 months. This course is also available in the form of private 'one-on-one' instruction, if desired please make request.

This schedule allows trainees to enroll prior to the beginning of any quarter. All trainees will receive the same material as each quarter is taught on a cyclical basis.

The curriculum and teaching plan of OBDTA

Lesson plans covering 17 dances (divided into the four quarters) as follows:

- American Style Smooth: Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, and Viennese Waltz
- American Style Rhythm I: Rumba, Cha-Cha, Bolero, and East Coast Swing
- American Style Rhythm II: Mambo, Samba, Merengue, and West Coast Swing
- Club Dances: Argentine Tango, Salsa, Lindy Hop, Night Club Two-Step, and Hustle

Along with these 17 dances and *how to teach them*, you also learn...

- How to dance **both** as the Leader and Follower
- The technical elements of all the dances
- Musicality and timing of each dance
- How to teach exceptional private & group lessons
- Dance history for all the dances
- Theory of dance movement for each dance
- How to prepare for professional certification
- And much more...

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Trainee Requirements-

Attendance

This is a professional level course offered by professionals to those who wish to be trained as professionals, we cover a lot of material at a very steady pace. Missing even one class is NOT advised, as you can easily fall behind. If you do have to miss a class, you can generally arrange to work with one of the other students to help you catch up. You can also schedule private lessons with one of the faculty members of Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy (for an additional private lesson fee) to make up any work you miss.

Class Times & Exam Schedule

Classes are held at Always Ballroom Dance Studio and meet Tuesdays & Fridays from 6pm to 8pm. . This course is also available in the form of private 'one-on-one' instruction, if desired please make request. Exams are scheduled during regular class times. If you miss an exam, you may schedule a make-up exam (for an additional private lesson fee).

Practice

Each class meets a total of 4 hours per week. Most students spend quite a bit of time every week studying the material and practicing what they have learned. Though the amount of outside study time varies from student to student, please expect to commit a minimum of ½ hour per hour of class time, or a maximum of 1 hour of practice per hour of class time. Becoming a dance professional requires dedication and practice.

Materials

The professional syllabus of both the Smooth and Rhythm dances, as well as the Ballroom Dance Teachers Course binder are required textbooks for the course. The accompanying videos are recommended, but are optional. The manuals may be ordered directly from DVIDA on line, or purchased through OBDTA for an average cost of \$39.00 - \$69.00. The course binder is provided in class and costs a one-time fee of \$85.00. It includes all class handouts that are distributed over the entire program.

Tuition

Tuition is currently \$31.25/per hour of training (or \$500.00/month). Please note that tuition **may** be increased each September to reflect the current market. Tuition is due monthly on or before the first class of each

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month. Students who make a late tuition payment will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. Late payments MUST be received by the second class of the month to avoid interruption of classes. Tuition may be paid by cash, check or money order only.

Shoes

All trainees will be expected to have proper dance shoes by the second week of class. This is not an arbitrary aesthetic or fashion consideration. To dance, and to teach dance you need the ‘right tools for the job,’ and proper dance shoes are literally the foundation for your dancing. There are different styles of dance shoes for different styles of ballroom dancing, but most trainees wear a basic ‘practice shoe,’ a practical & durable suede-soled dancing shoe that is made to be comfortable and wearable for long periods. Some trainees may wear flashier or high heeled dance shoes, but that is a matter of personal choice.

Misc. Expectations

Homework

Assignments will be distributed only when necessary to compliment or amplify something that has been introduced or covered within the classroom. Each trainee will be expected to complete any assigned homework in addition to the 128 two-hour classes, and 17 written exams necessary to complete the course.

Presentations

Because this is a teaching course, there is strong emphasis on presentation. You will be expected to present material to the class on a regular basis. You may be asked to demonstrate a figure or to present a brief history of a specific dance. Don’t worry, we hand out assignments in advance, so you will have plenty of time to prepare!

Dancing Both Roles

In order to teach a specific dance or figure, you need to be able to articulate and demonstrate both the leader’s and the follower’s parts. We spend equal time in class working on both parts, and every student is expected to dance with every other student as both leader and follower, regardless of gender. This is standard practice for professional dance instruction.

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Trainee Benefits-

Your tuition not only entitles you to the Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy classroom curriculum itself, but also to most of the classes and workshops offered at Always Ballroom Dance Studio.

You will receive free entry for group classes and workshop events (during which you will be required to fill in as leader or follower as needed), also to dance parties and studio events. You will also have any floor rental fees waived, to use for your practice time when available.

You will also receive up to a 50% discount on any private lesson you may wish to purchase for additional study or make-up.

NOTE; OBDTA trainees will not receive free admission or participation in any special or celebrity guest instructor classes or workshops, or any International style classes/workshops that may be offered by Always Ballroom Dance Studio.

Employment Opportunities

Always Ballroom Dance Studio offers Teacher Trainees opportunities to assist in classes and frequently offers teaching positions to the top performing graduates of the Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy, based on the needs of the studio at that time.

Certification

When you complete the OBDTA's training program (taking all of the exams and handing in all of the homework) you will receive a Certificate of Completion from Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy. This is a valuable accomplishment, and it will serve as a wonderful credential for your dance resume.

Enrollment

Space must be limited, so we strongly suggest that you send in your enrollment application early. When both your enrollment application and your deposit have been received, you will be contacted by phone or e-mail to confirm your enrollment.

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The following schedule is our current working schedule for OBDTA, and the classes will be held at Always Ballroom Dance Studio on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. All schedules are subject to change with the needs of the Trainees and/or the Master Teacher.

September 4 - December 21, 2007

Smooth – American Style

Learn how to dance and teach...

Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, and Viennese Waltz

February – May , 2008

Rhythm I – American Style

Learn how to dance and teach...

Rumba, Cha-Cha, Bolero, and East Coast Swing

June – September , 2008

Rhythm II – American Style

Learn how to dance and teach...

Mambo, Samba, Merengue, and West Coast Swing

September , 2008 – January , 2009

Club Dances

Learn how to dance and teach...

Argentine Tango, Salsa, Lindy Hop, Night Club-Two Step, and Hustle

Applications are currently being accepted for the winter term beginning in February 2008. Please apply early, and send enrollment application fee along with your application, or you may fax or e-mail your application and send payment separately. Students are considered registered when both are received and you have received confirmation.

As a vocational college, Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy is dedicated to ensuring excellence in partner dance instruction.

You may be just 16 months from realizing your dream of becoming a ballroom dance professional!

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American Style
Bronze Teacher Training
Enrollment Application

(please print)

Name _____ Date _____

Mark the specific term you are applying for:

_____ Smooth: Waltz, foxtrot, _____ Rhythm I: Rumba, Cha-Cha
Tango, Viennese Waltz Bolero, East Coast Swing

_____ Rhythm II: Mambo, Merengue _____ Nightclub: Argentine Tango,
Samba, West Coast Swing Salsa, Lindy Hop, Two Step

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please tell us about your dance background, if any. _____

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Are you interested in pursuing a career as a ballroom dance teacher?

If not, what are your main reasons for taking this course? _____

Please provide any additional information about yourself you think we should know.

Please e-mail, fax, or mail your completed enrollment application, and mail either your payment in full for all 16 months (max.) or your non-refundable \$100.00 deposit (minimum) (cash, check or money order please) to Ohio Ballroom Dance Teachers Academy, 552 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420. When the quarter begins for which you are applying the deposit is applied toward that first quarter's tuition.