Program Description

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MATCHG) with an emphasis in Dance focuses on the integration of the advanced study of dance education with that of the best current pedagogical and methodological practices. Students may focus on PreK–12 to adult learning contexts, both in educational and public or private sector settings. Program participants take 19 hours of graduate-level Dance coursework, and 15 hours of graduate Education classes. In the final semester of study, program participants take the Master’s Comprehensive Exam in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction.

The MAT–Dance will provide professional development in the theory and practice of dance education. The emphasis will be to 1) develop learning communities that will support self-expression, human development, scholarly inquiry, and artistic creativity; 2) provide interactive academic and extracurricular activities for investigating the aesthetic, intellectual, political, and spiritual scope of society within global and local perspectives; 3) investigate cross-cultural and interdisciplinary points of view in accordance with the United States multicultural heritage and the diversity of world customs and traditions; 4) cultivate an arena that will give full expression to the creative impulses of individuals and communities in order to enhance the well-being of societies and better equip them to interact in a global and dynamic world; and 5) challenge students to develop a commitment to community service through teaching and performing.

The MAT–Dance does NOT lead to professional licensure for teaching in public school systems. For information on obtaining professional licensure, please contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at (575) 646–2290.
DELIVERY
The 34 hours required for the Master of Arts in Teaching degree in the concentration of Dance can be completed in two years or less by combining on-campus and Distance Education course work from the Department of Curriculum & Instruction and the Department of Human Performance, Dance, and Recreation.

REQUIRED COURSES
DANCE COURSES
(19 credits, either on-campus or selected on-line courses)
These courses are taught by professors in the Department of Human Performance, Dance and Recreation. The participants are required to take DANC 551 (Movement as Social Text, 3 credits) and DANC 566 (Advanced Theory of Dance Pedagogy, 3 credits). The thirteen remaining hours are electives. The Dance electives coursework will be selected in consultation with the Master of Arts in Dance advisor, Dr. Debra Knapp, in the Department of Human Performance, Dance and Recreation.

EDUCATION COURSES
(15 credits, either on-campus or on-line)
These Education courses are offered online throughout the academic year, and are also offered on-campus. These classes represent the required core for the MAT programs in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.
Required Education Courses:

- EDUC 515 – Multicultural Education
- EDUC 516 – Curriculum and Pedagogy I
- EDUC 518 – Technology and Pedagogy
- EDUC 519 – Research Curriculum and Pedagogy
- EDUC 520 – Action Research Projects
PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requirements:

- A Bachelor’s degree in Dance from an accredited College or University, or the equivalent (for more information, contact Dr. Debra Knapp, deknapp@nmsu.edu).
- Undergraduate or graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Application Procedures:

1. Submit an application for admission to the MAT–Dance to Dr. Debra Knapp
2. Submit an application for admission, the corresponding fee and original college transcripts to:

   **Graduate Student Services**
   New Mexico State University
   PO Box 30001, MSC 3G
   Las Cruces, NM 88003–8001
   Phone: (575) 646–2736

**IMPORTANT:** If you download the application form from Graduate Student Services, on the "Field of study" line please enter "Curriculum and Instruction, MATCHG" with a concentration in “DANC”; if you complete the electronic form, under "Planned Degree and Major", please select "Master of Arts in Teaching" with a concentration in “Dance”.

**COST**

(subject to change)

- $ 30.00 fee for admission to NMSU Graduate School.
- $ 242.00 per credit hour for graduate instruction (there is a $25 per credit hour additional fee for Distance Education courses).
- Books and web site access fees (vary by course).
- Student travel and per diem for face–to–face meetings.
WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

For more information check with the following Program Coordinators:

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Once you are accepted into the MAT–Dance Program and need assistance with enrolling in online course work, you may contact the College of Education Distance Education office:

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