



Employment Type: Part-time
Hourly Rate: \$20-40 (DOE)

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Eastside Dance | Youth Department Instructor (Ages 2-8)

As a member of the Eastside Dance faculty, you are a key part of our mission to provide high-quality dance education that nurtures technical excellence, creativity, and personal growth. Youth Department instructors specialize in **early childhood dance education**, creating joyful and developmentally appropriate classes that introduce young dancers to movement, music, creativity, and classroom structure. Your role includes both teaching and administrative responsibilities, as well as contributing to a positive, inclusive, and professional studio culture.

Teaching & Classroom Responsibilities:

- Teach assigned Youth Department classes, camps, and rehearsals as scheduled.
- Take accurate attendance using Studio Pro.
- Create engaging, age-appropriate dance experiences for young dancers ages 2–8, incorporating music, storytelling, and creative movement to build foundational dance skills.
- Support each student’s growth—physically, socially, emotionally, and creatively.
- Prepare lesson plans and music aligned with the Eastside Dance Youth Department curriculum.
- Incorporate elements of the Eastside Dance History & Culture Curriculum during studio Identity & Heritage months.
- Maintain a warm, patient, and encouraging classroom environment. Support students who may be shy, hesitant, or transitioning into their first classroom experiences.
- Choreograph and rehearse Spring Performance that are developmentally appropriate for young dancers.
- Provide class coverage for fellow instructors as needed.
- Greet families, make announcements, and maintain a welcoming presence between classes.
- Ensure your studio is clean, organized, and music-ready before class. At the end of your teaching block, clean and secure the studio: dry mop floors, organize props, reset HVAC to auto, turn off lights, and lock all doors.
- Complete end-of-year student progress reports and class recommendations.
- Select costumes and submit lighting cues and music for performances.
- Assist backstage at rehearsals and performances.
- Attend all required staff events, including meetings, trainings, and performances.
- Foster a safe, inclusive, and supportive classroom for all learning styles and identities.
- Actively participate in all studio events to support our peers, champion the studio, and connect with our community.

Qualifications:

- Experience teaching **early childhood dance (ages 2–8)** strongly preferred.
- Training in creative movement, Brain-Compatible Dance Education, or early childhood dance education.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal abilities especially with young children and families.
- Warm, patient, and enthusiastic teaching presence.
- Passion for equity, inclusion, and representation in the arts.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.
- CPR/First Aid certification (or willingness to complete upon hire).
- Comfortable working with diverse populations and learning styles.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran. We are committed to creating a diverse and welcoming workplace that includes instructors with diverse backgrounds and experiences. People of color, women, LGBTQIA+, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. We believe this enables us to better meet our mission of being an "inclusive and welcoming studio where anyone can learn to dance." Learn more about our mission at: <https://eastside-dance.com/about-eastside-dance>