



TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL 2026

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Motivating and Inspiring Dance Educators Worldwide

We are thrilled to be back at
Ball State University, 2000 W. University Ave. Muncie, IN 47306

July 20 – July 24, 2026
(Suggested arrival July 19th - Departure July 25th)

Deadline Date for registration is May 1st.

Registration links are available on the DMA website, click the Teacher Training School tab.

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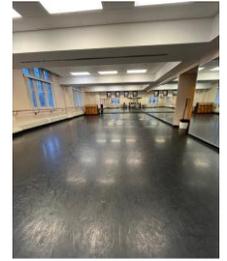
Dance Masters of America's Teachers Training School wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our attendees for their loyal support.

TTS was established at the turn of the century because DMA wanted to offer its members and future members a professional program that provides both basic and advanced teaching techniques for all Dance Educators. The focus of the program is on education, where attendees learn proven teaching principles, fundamental dance techniques, build a core dance syllabus, and methods for successfully applying these skills in the classroom.

Although the Dance Masters of America has always included a program for the training of dance educators into their curriculum, it wasn't until 1970 when it was moved to Kent State University where it evolved into the program known as the "Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School." To accommodate the rapidly growing enrollment and to further enhance the program, Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School was moved to the beautiful facilities of the State University of New York at Buffalo's Center for the Arts in 1998.

Once again to accommodate enrollment as well as enhance the program, TTS moved to Ball State University in 2024. Master teachers instruct classes in teaching techniques for all disciplines of dance: ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, theatre dance, Hip Hop, and specialty classes.

**** Please check back regularly for any updates. Updates will be highlighted in **Yellow**.**



Ball State University
Muncie, IN



Mission Statement

To provide a comprehensive curriculum, an outstanding faculty, a unique focus on technique and teaching skills, and the nurturing of camaraderie among fellow Dance Educators.

To provide both a creative and structured pathway for quality learning by recognizing the full potential of dance education and the many integrated inroads that will benefit teachers and their promising students.

Object Statement

Successful completion of the FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM and examinations result in Dance Masters of America certification in dance education, where teachers are certified by test to teach (see requirements below). Membership is available through a chapter.

For Chapter information visit the DMA website – dmanational.org.

Age Requirement - Student must be 18 years of age as of the first day of the program to participate in the TTS program.

Teachers Training School Placement Requirements:

- Attendees cannot move to the next level if more than 4 years has lapsed between grades.
- Attendees must complete grade 4 (testing not required) in a 7-year period.

Grade I	First Year Student	All first-time attendees
Grade II	Second Year Student	Successfully completed Grade 1
Grade III	Third Year Student	Successfully completed Grade 1 & 2
Grade IV	Fourth Year Student	Successfully completed Grade 1, 2 & 3; attend advanced curriculum classes; examination review classes; prepare for TTS examinations.
Advanced:		Successfully completed Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4 without testing or successfully passed one core subject. Advance students will receive a certificate of Advancement. When returning will register as Advanced.
Associate:		Successfully completed Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4; successfully passed a minimum of 2 core subject examinations. Associates shall receive a Certificate of Achievement. When returning will register as Associate.
Graduate:		Successfully completed Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4; successfully passed 4 core subject examinations. Graduates shall receive a Teachers Training School Diploma. When returning will register as a Graduate.

Special Note to All Attendees

Assessments & Exams

Grade 1, 2, & 3 will be given assessments. This assessment will be used to evaluate the course and to help you prepare for Grade 4 exams. These assessments are returned to you in each of the last classes on the last day. There are no grades recorded.

Grade 4 may be examined in the core subject of their choice. These examinations may be used for membership into Dance Masters of America.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all classes. Students are allowed three excused absences that must be evaluated by the administration. Any absences beyond three will prevent the student from receiving certification for that current level. **NO ONE WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE LAST THREE CLASSES OF THE PROGRAM.**

Tardiness: Students are to be at all classes on time and check in for attendance before the class begins. Three tardiness will result in one absence. 5 minutes late is considered tardy.

TTS attendees will be given attendance certificates at the end of the last class. These will NOT be mailed. Those testing in Grade 4 will be recognized during the Student Honors Intensive Program performance the evening of the last day.

Classes

Classes will be located on the Ball State Campus.

Classroom decorum

Proper classroom decorum must be shown at all times. Example: Excessive talking, gum chewing, disrespect towards faculty, poor attitude, use of foul language are not acceptable. If found in violation you will be asked to leave the class resulting in an absence, and possible expulsion from the program with no refund or credit.

- Smoking policy: Ball State University is a tobacco free campus, which includes the ban of electronic cigarettes.

Dress Code

All participants must be attired under the following guidelines:

Dancewear: should be modest and in good taste. Cover-ups should be worn outside the classroom.

Long hair must be tied back for all classes.

Appropriate shoes for each class (no socks in place of shoes).

Housing

Staying on campus is not required. Dorm rooms are available for all TTS attendees. Name and location of the dorm will be on the DMA national website and in an email sent to attendees as we get closer to the arrival date. Please keep checking the website.

Bathrooms in the dorms are pod style with a certain number of rooms assigned to each pod.

- Check-in for the dorm is between 1:30PM and 9:00PM.
- Provided in the dorm room:
 - Pillow, pillowcase, 2 flat sheets, light weight blanket, 1 face towel, 1 bath towel, cup, soap. There is no sheet or towel exchange.
- There are no refrigerators available for rent.
- If you stay in the dorm you are responsible for cleaning out your room, including garbage before leaving.
- Keys will be turned into dorm staff as follows:
 - If checking out after the Showcase on July 24 it must be done by 9:00PM.
 - If checking out on July 25 it must be done by 9:00AM.
 - Charge for lost keys: \$55.00.
- Laundry – there are washers and dryers in the residence hall. They require quarters or you can also download an app and pay through there.

Meals

Meals are not included in your registration but can be purchased in one of the designated dining halls or in “The Village”. Attendees will need a method of payment (cash/credit/debit card) to purchase meals. Please note campus dining halls are not open on the weekends.

Orientation Meeting

There is a mandatory orientation meeting, check-in July 20th at 7:30AM for all levels in the Ball Gym Building in the lobby.

There is NO Packet Pick-up for TTS attendees.

Attendees will receive an email with their grade level study guides 2 weeks before the start of the program provided payment has been processed. Attendees are encouraged to download/print for use in classes.

At the orientation meeting name badges will be handed out, which are required to attend classes. A photo ID is required to pick up your name badge.

If you have air travel delays, please contact Phyllis Guy 225-938-9261

Parking Fee

If driving on campus you will be required to purchase a parking pass for \$20.00. Parking is in designated areas only. Parking passes are not available on site, they are pre-order by May 1st only.

Participation

Students ages 18 and older are to fully participate in all classes unless a written excuse has been evaluated by the Administration. If injured after you've registered and before June 1, the student is to notify the National Treasurer before making travel plans. All written excuses must be supported by a doctor's recommendation for participation. All pregnant students must have a certificate from their doctor allowing them to fully participate in the program.

Pricing

Before May 1st

Tuition Price Member \$760.00
 Non-member \$810.00

Room Pricing: Single \$280.00
 Double \$220.00

Bus Transportation \$90.00 roundtrip (see travel for more information).

NOTE: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 10th EVEN WITH A WRITTEN EXCUSE FOR INJURY.

Proper classroom decorum

Proper classroom decorum must be shown at all times. Example: Excessive talking, gum chewing, disrespect towards faculty, poor attitude, and use of foul language are not acceptable. If found in violation you will be asked to leave the class resulting in an absence.

Performance

On the last day, at the close of classes there will be showcase of the dancers from the DMA Student Honors Intensive Program (S.H.I.P.). Performance audience is limited to 100. If attending, please check off and the number attending

Those testing in Grade 4 will be recognized during the Student Honors Intensive Program the evening of the last day.

Grade 4 TTS attendees will be recognized and given certificates at the conclusion of this performance. The performance is free to observers.

Registration

Is through the Dance Masters of America National Website <https://www.dmanational.org/> please click on the TTS tab.

Registration is due:

- by May 1st and is limited to 50 participants in each grade level.
- late registration after May 1st please call Charleen Locascio, DMA National Treasurer 504-454-1376 for availability. Staying on campus will not be available after May 1st.
- No registration accepted as of June 15th.

Schedule of Classes

Please check the DMA National website for updated information and schedules.

Smoking / Drugs on campus

Ball State is a smoke free (including electronic devices) and drug free campus. If found in violation you will be immediately expelled from the campus and TTS Program.

TTS T-shirt / DMA Clothing

Purchase a SHIP shirt or DMA clothing at <https://stores.inksoft.com/dancemasters/shop/home>

Travel

Airport: You should fly into Indianapolis International Airport, which is approximately 1-1.5 hours from Ball State University. Bus transportation is provided for \$90.00 round trip as follows:

7/19/26 Depart from airport 12:00PM and 4:00PM. Pick up is near the ride share area at the airport.

7/25/26 Depart from Ball State 6:00AM and 10:00AM. Pick-up is outside the residence hall.

Pre-registration by May 1st is required for transportation.

The Indianapolis airport has a large food court area where travelers can wait for transportation.

Water

You are welcome to bring a water bottle into the classroom. WATER ONLY.