



Training the NEXT GENERATION

Boston Ballet School's Professional Division at Walnut Hill is a rigorous dance education and training program designed to prepare students for a professional career with Boston Ballet or elsewhere in the ballet industry. The program attracts elite students from around the globe who compete for a small number of open spots each year. The heart of our mission is to prepare the next generation to build and sustain the future of dance in our culture.

DANCE MAJORS: *positioned for success*

Dance studies at Walnut Hill provide a solid foundation for the continuation of artistic pursuits while also developing skills like confidence, collaboration, and persistence that will serve you well in any number of future endeavors. We couple those skills with a rigorous academic program, and as a result, **YOU ARE POISED FOR SUCCESS.**

Walnut Hill Dance students and Boston Ballet School Pre-Professional Program students have continued on to the following companies, conservatories, and colleges, including:

Alberta Ballet	Kansas City Ballet
Alvin Ailey Dance Theater	Los Angeles Ballet
American Ballet Theatre	Miami Ballet
Arizona Ballet	Minnesota Ballet
Atlanta Ballet	Nashville Ballet
Barnard College	National Ballet of Canada
Ballet Austin	Nevada Ballet Theatre
Ballet West	New York City Ballet
Boston Ballet	Orlando Ballet
The Boston Conservatory	Pacific Northwest Ballet
Boston University	Pennsylvania Ballet
Ballet Hispanico	Princeton University
Ballet San Antonio	Richmond Ballet
Butler University	Royal Ballet of Flanders
California Ballet	Royal Birmingham Ballet
Charlotte Ballet	Royal Danish Ballet
Cincinatti Ballet	San Diego Ballet
Colorado Ballet	San Francisco Ballet
Complexions Contemporary Ballet	Sarasota Ballet
Duke University	Scottish Ballet
English National Ballet	Smith College
Fordham University	Stanford University
The Forsythe Company	St. Louis Ballet
Grand Rapids Ballet	SUNY Purchase
Houston Ballet	Stuttgart Ballet
Hubbard Street Dance Chicago	Texas Ballet Theater
Indiana University	University of Southern California
Joffrey Ballet	Vanderbilt University
The Juilliard School	Vassar College

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SCHEDULE A TOUR?

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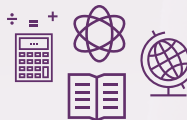
Day in the Life of a
Dance Major

@ Walnut Hill

MORNING



BREAKFAST



ACADEMIC CLASSES

NOONISH



LUNCH

AFTERNOON



DANCE CLASSES

EVENING



REHEARSALS /
PERFORMANCES



HOMEWORK



DINNER



DORM FUN



SLEEP

frequently asked QUESTIONS

How is this program connected to Boston Ballet?

Boston Ballet School’s Professional Division at Walnut Hill is a one-of-a-kind education and dance training program that offers world-renowned dance instruction with a best-in-class college-preparatory program to provide students with a holistic educational experience.

Dance students benefit from the collective expertise of renowned Boston Ballet School faculty, led by Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen, Boston Ballet School Director Margaret Tracey, and Head of Men’s Training Peter Stark.

Boston Ballet School’s Professional Division at Walnut Hill is the official training program of Boston Ballet, and all students will receive priority evaluation for positions at Boston Ballet upon graduating.

How many hours per week are dedicated to dance training?

Students will dedicate an average of 20 hours per week to training in addition to rehearsals.

What is the average dance class size at Walnut Hill?

We generally have 12–15 students per level; there are 3 levels of ladies and 2 levels of men within the Dance Department. Each year, students are placed in the appropriate level, according to technical ability and strength. At each level, a schedule of classes has been created to develop both the physical strength and the technical proficiency that propel a student toward artistic growth.

What is the next step for dance majors after graduating?

Our students are evaluated for acceptance into Boston Ballet II, Boston Ballet’s second company, and progress to some of the world’s leading companies, conservatories, and colleges. Our career preparation process provides individualized mentoring to help students with the next step of their professional career.

What are the performance opportunities?

Classroom training is enhanced by various performance opportunities for students. Each school year ends with the annual Next Generation performance featuring Professional Division students with Boston Ballet II and accompanied by a live orchestra at Boston Ballet’s home stage, Citizens Bank Opera House. Past repertoire includes works by George Balanchine, August Bournonville, Christopher Wheeldon, and world premieres by Jill Johnson and Lia Cirio. Students may also be selected to participate in annual performances of Mikko Nissinen’s *The Nutcracker* and other Boston Ballet performances.

In addition to community performance opportunities, students may participate in the Student Choreographic Project, which aims to cultivate and identify future choreographers for the field of dance. Our goal is to inspire a student’s unexplored creativity by providing a choreographic experience through a structured process to enhance their education.

How is health and wellness incorporated in the Dance program?

We are committed to nurturing the whole student. Faculty and staff partner with healthcare providers from Boston Children’s Hospital to educate and develop healthy habits in students. Our team of wellness consultants provide physical therapy, doctor consultations, nutrition education, and injury prevention. Wellness partners have been carefully chosen because of their specialized skills in working with young developing dance students.

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT BEING HERE?

When you get here, you’ll be dancing with other like-minded people—and working and learning in a community of other artists, including music, theater, visual art, and writing, film & media arts majors.

Select students are invited to participate in one of our exchange programs with other distinguished ballet schools, including Germany’s Palucca University of Dance Dresden, Canada’s National Ballet School, the Royal Danish Ballet in Copenhagen, or the Paris Opera Ballet School.

Boston Ballet School’s Professional Division at Walnut Hill is an official partner of the prestigious Prix de Lausanne international ballet competition. We are also participants of the Assemblée Internationale, an unparalleled global ballet event, established by Canada’s National Ballet School. Assemblée Internationale is an Olympic-caliber gathering of the world’s top pre-professional dancers and artistic directors from leading ballet schools.

CURRICULUM

Technique	Pilates/Conditioning
Pointe	Men’s Conditioning
Men’s Class	Workshops (such as Forsythe technique)
Variations & Repertoire	Professional Development Lectures
Pas de Deux	
Modern	
Character	