

Higher National Diploma(HND): Professional Dance



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CITYMOVES
DANCE AGENCY SCIO

About The Higher National Diploma & Your Course Facilitators

In this course, pupils will study all aspects of Professional Dance. Alongside the mandatory HND units, you'll have the opportunity to study extra subjects, which will make you even more of a triple threat performer. This new HND from ACPA and Citymoves will strengthen the professional pipeline for creatives looking to start their careers in the Arts and Culture Sector, while also nurturing the next generation of Scottish Dance Artists.

Who are Citymoves?

Citymoves Dance Agency is a charity that leads positive impacts through dance in the North East of Scotland. Established in 1987, the charity strives to improve individual lives and transform communities by offering a diverse studio timetable, co-designing projects with local communities, and collaborating with partner organisations to promote dance both nationally and internationally. They also produce DanceLive Festival, an annual four-day dance festival held in Aberdeen each October.

Who is Aberdeen College of Performing Arts?

Aberdeen College of Performing Arts is an accredited Performance Arts College in the North East of Scotland, which goes beyond traditional training by offering students exceptional opportunities to work with both our dedicated full-time teaching staff and a diverse array of industry professionals. The unique combination of expert instruction and industry exposure prepares their students to succeed and truly sets them apart.



Location:

Citymoves Dance Agency SCIO, The Anatomy Rooms, Shoe Lane, Aberdeen, AB10 1AL
and Aberdeen College of Performing Arts, 36 Commerce Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5BR

Expectations & Entry Requirements

It is expected that students have suitable dance experience and/or have taken Higher Dance. Students are to work independently on their choreography/course content outside tutor-led sessions.

Ideally (but not a necessity), you should have at least two Higher Grades (or equivalent). Equivalent NC qualifications in related disciplines will also be considered. However, entry is by audition and interview only and not on academic merit.

If you are in doubt about your suitability and entry requirements, please still apply, and we will advise further. We expect you to demonstrate your performance abilities. Auditions will be individual.



Studying & Life in Aberdeen

Situated in the centre of Aberdeen, the courses we have designed provide excellent preparation for entering professional work in Dance, Musical Theatre, or Performing Arts, or for further training in the performing arts. The courses are structured to give students a thorough grounding in the core aspects of professional dance practice, with coaching aimed at developing a high level of skill and diversity to succeed in a very competitive industry.

By concentrating on a manageable intake (approximately 10 students per year), students will work in small groups and receive regular one-to-one sessions with tutors and specialist practitioners. Students will not only work with experienced full-time teaching staff but will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops and masterclasses with a wide variety of visiting professional choreographers, tutors and performers. This provides a valuable link to current professional practices and influential industry contacts.

Students are closely monitored and encouraged to discuss their progress with their tutors throughout the course. In-house and external productions, work experience and annual performances aim to consolidate what has been learnt in the classroom, giving students confidence and experience performing in front of an audience.

The studios are in the centre of town, with many student halls within 5-15 minutes' walk. There are many shopping centres and shops nearby. They are ideal for full-time students. In addition to many studios for use during free time or non-tutor contact hours, we have The Study Room - the student chill-out room, the den, and a fully functioning kitchen. ACPA is an NUS member, so students can access a student card upon matriculation and apply for an NUS card, which offers discounts in a variety of shops, services and restaurants.

Course Fees & Funding Your Education

Aberdeen College of Performing Arts is a private institution. As a recognised Further Education provider, pupils may be eligible to apply to the Student Awards Agency for Scotland for financial assistance. You may also be eligible to apply for the Young Student Bursary, depending on your personal circumstances.

As a private institution, we have complete independence over who we admit to the course and how many students we admit. Alongside our own course tutors, we are free to employ professional staff for workshops throughout the year and to fund musical and dance productions at local professional venues. This full-time 2-year course not only includes studies to gain an HND in Professional Dance Performance, but also offers extra classes and opportunities to ensure we deliver a course that prepares students to take their next step into further study or professional work.

The tuition fees are £4,105 per year (total for the 2-year Diploma is £ 8,210). For example, the fee could be made up of the following: £1,205 SAAS funding (if you are eligible for assistance – the figure can vary year to year. The student must apply to receive this funding from SAAS): £2,900 personal contribution or £2,800 after deducting the £100 course deposit.

The yearly fee is split into 9 monthly instalments of £311 per month. This contribution can be made up of your own resources, a parental contribution, student loan funding (if eligible), or a Young Student's Bursary (if eligible). Upon acceptance into the 2-year course, we will provide details on the payment dates and instalments. These can be adjusted mutually based on each student's circumstances. A non-refundable deposit of £100 is required to be paid immediately to secure your place on the course if you are accepted for study. Once the course has started, course fees are non-refundable, and withdrawal from the course will result in full course fees for that year still being due to Aberdeen College of Performing Arts.



Life Beyond Your HND

While the 2-year Professional Dance course provides a strong grounding for life in general (confidence, presentation skills, a hard-working ethos, physical fitness, etc.), there are many routes students can take after successfully completing the HND. For example, professional work, further study in Dance or Acting, or a jump into a 3rd-year university degree course, which, through part-time study, can convert the HND into a BA (hons.) degree. Whatever route you choose upon completing the course, we are here to help and support you. We can also act as a reference on your behalf if needed.

Throughout the year, there may be additional opportunities to perform or take on professional jobs.

In the past, our students have performed in pantomimes, fashion shows, charity events, corporate oil company events, and paid performances. We were lucky enough to have performed with Plan B, Jake Whitehall, Katie Armstrong, Elisabeth Schilling, White & Givan, to name a few



How To Apply

ACPA and Citymoves are committed to providing training to people from diverse backgrounds. As stated earlier, our admissions policy is not based on academic criteria – the audition is practical and conducted through interview. ACPA does not discriminate against applicants on the grounds of sex, disability, ethnicity, religion or sexuality. We welcome applications from disabled students and offer places on the basis of potential and suitability for the course of study. Our audition process is designed to assess a candidate's current ability, but we also look for potential to ensure their suitability for both our training programme and a potential career in the performing arts industry.

Students auditioning should have some experience in one or more genres. In some cases, we will accept applicants with no previous training, provided they demonstrate potential and the physical attributes that enable them to complete the course safely.

Please complete the online application form and submit 2 solo dance videos in contrasting styles.

Applications will be assessed by Citymoves and Aberdeen College of Performing Arts Course Coordinators and Tutors, with admissions results sent directly to applicants.

The Details

Mode of Study: Full Time

Duration of Course: 2 Years

Subject Area: Professional Dance Performance

Entry Requirements: Successful Audition and Interview.

To apply: www.aberdeencollegepa.co.uk

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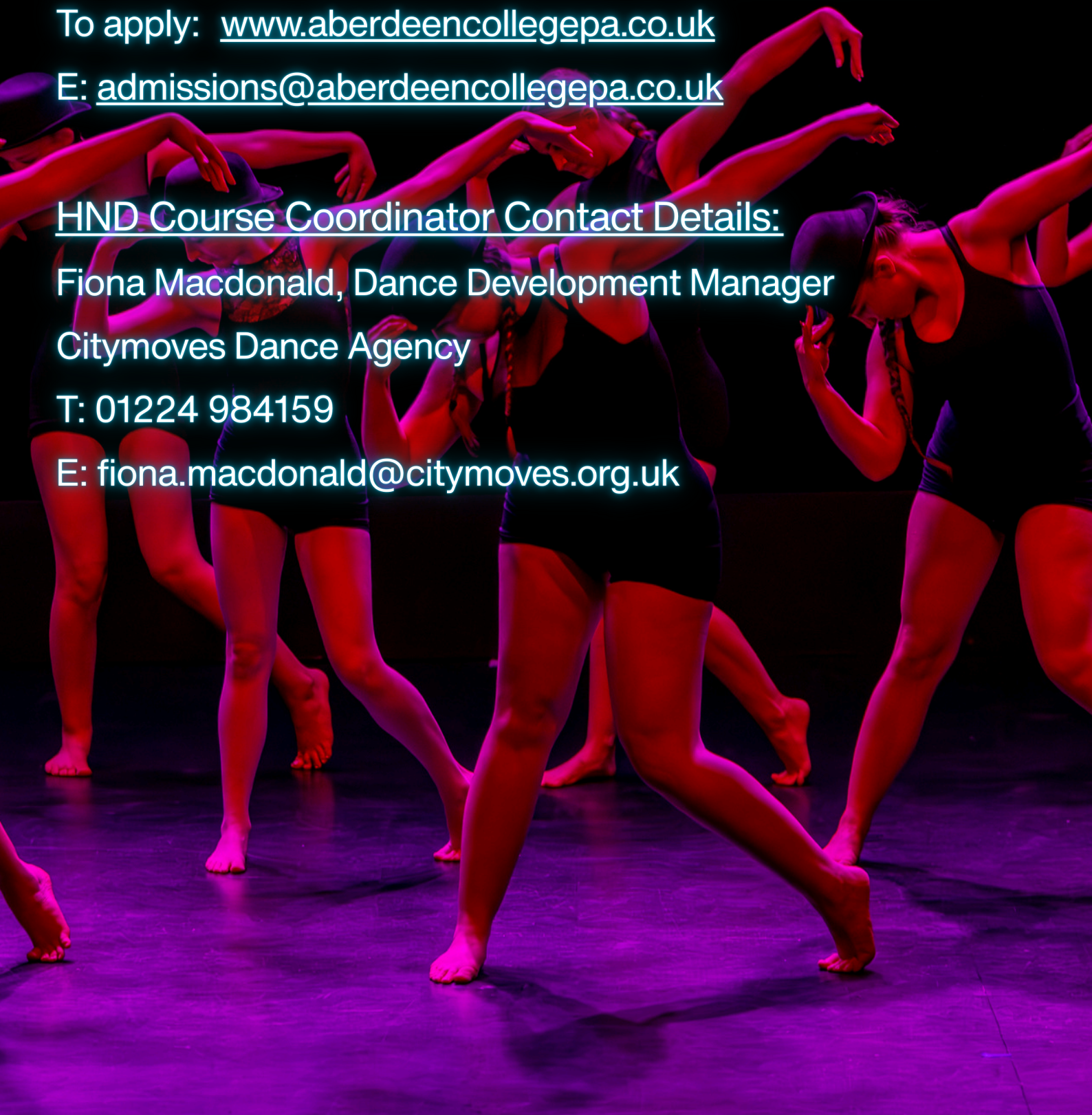
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