

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions



NEW YORK'S PREMIER DANCE CENTER

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Read below to find answers to all your questions about Peridance Capezio Center's Certificate Program!

Is the Program only open to domestic students?

No, the program is open to both domestic and international students.

If I do not qualify within the age range for the Program, may I still apply/audition?

Any applicant should be within the qualifying age range for the Program, between the ages of 17-25, on the date that he or she would begin the Program.

How many students are in the Program? How many do you accept?

The Certificate Program has on average between 30-45 students per semester. We accept and enroll about 40% of students who apply.

Is there financial aid available?

Yes, Peridance Capezio Center offers financial aid to the students of the Certificate Program in the following ways:

- Certificate Program students may apply for scholarship through a competitive audition process. **Scholarship auditions are held once per year.** Students are evaluated on merit and financial need. The Program reserves the right to grant or deny scholarships at its sole discretion.
- Students demonstrating significant financial need may be granted a tuition payment plan by appealing directly to the CP Coordinator and Artistic Director. The Program reserves the right to grant or deny payment plans at its sole discretion. Payment plan fees apply.
- Peridance Capezio Center makes available to all students a resource list of organizations that provide scholarships and grants. Letters may be provided upon request to scholarship organizations that require them.
- Some students may qualify for Work/Study assistance.

You must be accepted to the Program before applying for financial aid.

Can I get financial assistance using the FAFSA?

No, at this time Peridance is not currently accredited, and therefore students cannot apply for government aid. Peridance is currently in the process of being reviewed for accreditation, so this will change with the potential receipt of accreditation.

How do I apply?

Please see the "[Auditions](#)" page on our website for detailed instructions on how to apply.

Can I work an outside job while participating in the Program?

If you are a domestic student then you may legally work while enrolled in the Program, but please note that your class schedule and attendance must take priority. You may not attend the Program part-time or miss classes due to an outside job. If you are an international student, then you are NOT legally permitted to work while in the States on an F-1 student visa.

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I am in New York now, but could only begin the Certificate Program next year/in two years. Can I audition now?

Except in very rare circumstances, we do not encourage auditioning more than six months before you plan to begin the Program.

I'm an international student. What do I need to do to obtain my visa?

Please review our international student [web page](#). If you still have questions, you can e-mail Raegan Wood, our International Student Advisor, at raegan@peridance.com.

Do you provide housing for Certificate Program students?

Students are responsible for obtaining their own housing. Peridance will, upon request, provide students with a list of third-party housing options that students have found success with in the past. Many students find it beneficial to arrange for a short-term stay initially and find more long-term housing once they enter the NYC area. International students should contact Peridance's International Student Advisor for more information.

How do I know if the Certificate Program is right for me?

If you've reviewed the website and think the Certificate Program might be the right choice for your dance training, but want to get a more personal feel for the Program, you have a couple of options:

- Visit Peridance and take a class! Anyone can come to Peridance and try one of our [Open Classes](#), many of which are the same or similar to classes the Certificate Program students take. You can experience the faculty, the friendly and professional environment, and Peridance, and even chat with current students between classes. This is your best bet to really immerse yourself in school before enrolling.
- Schedule a meeting with Marlena Wolfe, Certificate Program Coordinator. The CP Coordinator can meet with prospective students in person or on the phone by appointment to discuss your goals and aspirations and whether the program might be a fit for you. Please email certificateprogram@peridance.com or call (212) 505-0886 to schedule an appointment.
- Check out our Facebook page for regular updates at <http://www.facebook.com/peridancecapeziocentercertificateprogram>

How do I find out more about the Certificate Program?

Please read the website carefully, as many of your questions can be answered within the site. However, if you still have questions and/or concerns, please contact certificateprogram@peridance.com.