

DANCE, BFA

ADVISING AND CAREERS

DANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISING

All dance degree students receive targeted advising through the department's undergraduate advisor, Karen McShane-Hellenbrand (<http://dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/instructional-staff/karen-mcshane-hellenbrand/>). Dance Department advising is designed to assist students in choosing classes and evaluating their degree path. This is particularly critical for students pursuing a dance degree and an additional degree program or major.

Students may also meet with advisors in the School of Education Student Services office regarding other course requirements and concerns, see below. Current students can schedule an appointment with a School of Education advisor online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ADVISING

ACADEMIC ADVISING IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dedicated to supporting and promoting student success, Academic Advisors (<https://education.wisc.edu/academics/undergrad-majors/academic-advising/>) are here to assist students with the adjustment to college, understanding their degree and career goals, and connecting them to resources. Advisors support prospective and current School of Education students in all programs through:

- course selection
- mentoring and advocacy for underrepresented and international students
- understanding degree requirements and progression
- interpreting academic policies
- helping students recognize their strengths and suggesting ways to expand their skills
- expanding learning through activities such as study abroad, volunteering/work/internship, and by assuming leadership roles

To schedule an appointment: Current students can schedule an appointment online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW. Appointments can also be made through email at studentservices@education.wisc.edu, by calling 608-262-1651, or in person.

CAREER ADVISING IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education Career Center provides students with the knowledge needed for connecting their classroom experiences with real-world application to develop skills needed to navigate the ever-changing world of work. Through individual appointments, events, courses, and online resources, the Career Center provides students and alumni with the tools needed to be successful in their career development.

Career and Internship Advisors are prepared to help students with:

- Exploration of career and academic pathways
- Resumes
- Cover letters
- Job/Internship search
- Interview preparation
- Mock interviews
- Graduate school search, applications and decisions
- Negotiating job or internship offers
- Professional networking
- Connecting with employers

Students are encouraged to meet with their Career and Internship Advisor early in their college experience to take full advantage of the resources and support available.

To make an appointment: log into Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>) from the MyUW dashboard.

For more information, visit the School of Education Career Center website (<https://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/>) or reach out at career-center@education.wisc.edu.

Potential careers for Dance majors include: professional dance, production, dance education in K-12 and higher education, dance entrepreneurship, and dance/movement therapy. Our graduates also work in the health and fitness industry, Pilates, arts administration, dance advocacy, as well as many other fields.

Students develop important skills that employers look for including:

- Diverse forms of communication, personal expression and connection
- Collaboration
- Creative problem solving/critical thinking
- Adaptability, versatility, and improvisation
- Resilience; ability to receive and provide feedback
- Discipline and accountability

Applied experiences, including paid internships, apprenticeship programs, career treks, and professional networking events, are available to UW Dance students.