



Conservatory of Performing Arts Department of Dance Audition Guidelines

What to Expect on an On- Campus Audition Day

- Typically the on-campus audition day activities last from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plan to spend your day on-campus.
- Registration will be held in Lawrence Hall and will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- **A campus tour and Q&A session are included as part of the on-campus audition activities.**
- The audition is a class setting in which applicants demonstrate their ability in ballet, jazz, and modern dance.
- Solo variations are not accepted.
- **Parents are NOT permitted to observe the audition class.**

A detailed itinerary with approximate times and locations will be emailed to you prior to your on-campus audition date.

Training

Dancers should currently be training at least ten hours per week for a minimum of three years and must have a working knowledge and understanding of the following principals:

Proper Placement
Coordination and Epaulement
Weight Shifting
Adaptability
Musicality

Applicants should be proficient in their chosen concentration and have working knowledge in the other two areas.

What to Bring to Your Audition

Performance/ training resume
Headshot (should not exceed 8x10 in size)
Full-body photograph

Do **NOT** send these materials prior to your audition. All materials submitted to Point Park University are **NON-RETURNABLE**.

Photograph Requirements

Female Candidates:

- Photographs should be taken in first arabesque position.
- Candidates interested in the ballet concentration should be on pointe.
- Candidates interested in the jazz or modern concentrations should be on relevé.
- Long hair should be secured in a bun.
- Candidates should be dressed in a leotard and tights.

Male Candidates:

- Photographs should be taken in first arabesque position.
- Candidates should be dressed in full length black tights, white shirt, and black shoes.

Audition Attire

- **Female Attire:** Black leotard and pink tights.
- **Male Attire:** Black leotard and a white t-shirt.
- **Modern Audition:** Footless tights are required.
- **Ballet Audition:** Ballet slippers are required. Female students auditioning for ballet are required to bring pointe shoes.
- **Jazz Audition:** Jazz shoes are optional.

Audition Decisions

Acceptance into the Department of Dance is based on talent and potential as demonstrated in the audition. Applicants must be academically and artistically admitted into Point Park. Applicants **WILL NOT** receive their artistic decision until they have received an academic decision from the Office of Admissions. Once the academic decision has been processed, artistic results will then be sent out.

Candidates will be notified both by email and letter of their artistic admission and possible artistic achievement award as the academic and artistic decisions are made.

Area Hotels

The following hotels are convenient to both the University and major traffic routes. This list is supplied to make your visit to Point Park University easier and is not an endorsement of any particular establishment. All hotel information is subject to change. Please contact the hotel for further information.

Cambria Suites at Consol Energy Center

1320 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-381-6687

Courtyard Marriot

945 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-434-5551

Fairmont Pittsburgh

510 Market Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-773-8800

Pittsburgh Marriot City Center

112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-471-4000

When booking online, place 2PP in the “corporate/promotional” box when you type in your dates and search the hotels on Marriott’s website to get the preferred rate.

Sheraton Station Square

300 West Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-261-2100

Wyndham Grand

600 Commonwealth Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-391-4600

Parking

Major Parking Facilities

The Pittsburgh Parking Authority operates large parking facilities throughout Downtown Pittsburgh, and offers an online map of its locations. Those closest to Point Park are:

Third Avenue Garage -- Located between Wood and Market streets, across from Thayer Hall.

Wood-Allies Garage -- Located between Wood and Market streets, across the street from Academic and Thayer Halls.

Mon Wharf -- Located off Fort Pitt Boulevard at Wood Street. Note: The Mon Wharf is subject to closure when high water on the Monongahela River floods the parking area.

Additional Parking Options

Commercial surface lots and garages are located throughout Downtown, with several near Point Park.

The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership offers an interactive parking map that shows a variety of parking options, both public and private.

The Station Square complex, across the Monongahela River from Downtown, has two large parking lots and operates a shuttle that runs through the Point Park campus. Check Station Square's parking website for additional details.

Street Parking

Metered parking is available on some streets in and around campus, but please be aware that metered spaces are regularly checked and violations will be ticketed.

In particular, do not park on the Boulevard of the Allies during hours when parking is not allowed, as vehicles are ticketed and/or towed.

Campus Map



Questions? Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact the Conservatory of Performing Arts at (412) 392-3451 or via e-mail at conservatory@pointpark.edu. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern standard time.