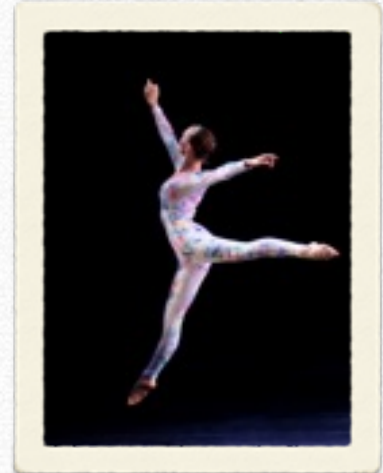
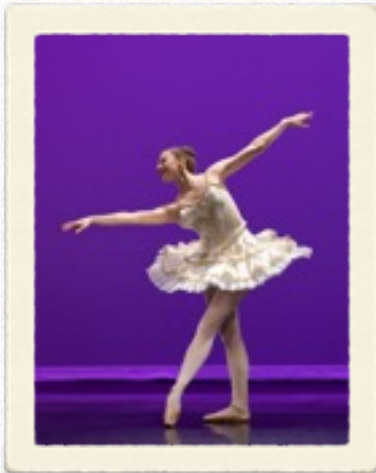


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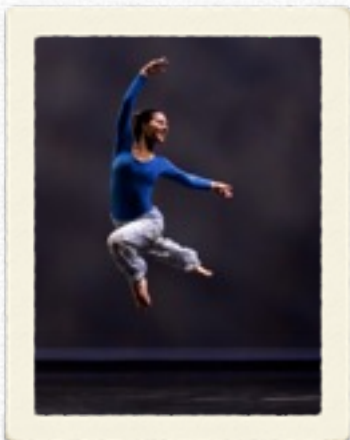
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## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM



## APPLICATION PACKAGE



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## Pre-Professional Program - Application Procedure

Before completing your application form, please ensure that you have carefully read and understood all of the information written here about the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance Pre-Professional Program. Be certain that you understand the audition and application requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Administrator Mrs. Carolyne Carney for assistance or advice by email: [info@fvad.ca](mailto:info@fvad.ca) or by telephone +1 604 826 0097.

To apply for the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance Pre-Professional Program, you must complete the following steps:

1. Complete an Application Form. An Application Form can be found at the end of this guide.
2. Prepare your Audition Material (*not required for current FVAD Students*):

Portrait Photo	Head and shoulders only, clear photo (does not need to be professionally taken) Minimum size 4 x 6 inches
Dance Photos	One photo in 1st Arabesque, on flat One photo of 2nd Position on Pointe, arms in 5th, en face
Auditioning by DVD	Prepare a DVD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 10 minutes of Barre Work (girls please include Pointe Work)</li><li>● 10 minutes of Centre Work (girls please include Pointe Work)</li><li>● 3 minutes of a Classical or Contemporary solo</li><li>● 2 minute personal statement explaining why you wish to attend the pre-professional program.</li></ul>
Auditioning in Person	Contact FVAD to arrange an Audition Class

3. Prepare your Supporting Materials:

Medical Insurance	Please provide proof of medical insurance such as a copy of Student's Health Card or statement of Health Insurance in Canada for international students.
Medical History Form	A statement from your medical doctor on your overall fitness, listing any health issues, and specifically indicating any injuries, current or past.
Dance Resume	Prepare a dance resume to describe the training you have completed. A Sample Resume can be found at the end of this guide.

4. Send your Application Form with Audition and Supporting Materials to:

Mrs. Carolyne Carney  
Pre-Professional Program Admissions  
Fraser Valley Academy of Dance  
33219 1st Avenue  
Mission BC V2V 1G7  
Canada

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## Pre-Professional Program - Terms and Conditions

- Acceptance into the Pre-Professional Program is at the discretion of the Artistic Director.
- The Pre-Professional Program is an intensive dance training program. Students prone to injury or other health issues which might affect their ability to take part in such training should not apply.
- Students must be physically and emotionally prepared to train at least 20 hours each week, in addition to weekend rehearsal hours, while successfully completing their academic studies.
- Program Fees are payable per month from September 1st to June 1st. Payment is due on the 1st day of each month by post-dated cheques or pre-authorized payments (bank debit or credit card). All fees are subject to change. Refer to the School Policies - Rates and Fees on the FVAD website for the latest fee information.
- Class days, times and teachers are subject to change without notice.
- Fraser Valley Academy of Dance requires a high standard of discipline, etiquette, focus and integrity in all students. Dress codes are strictly enforced. The school reserves the right to refuse service, or request a student to leave the school, with or without notice, at the Directors' discretion.
- Should a student need to withdraw from the Pre-Professional Program, Fraser Valley Academy of Dance requires a written statement from the parent providing 30 days notice. Fees will be due and payable for the 30 day notice period. Students may attend class during the 30 day notice period upon approval of the Artistic Director.
- Please read the Policies pages on the school website for full details of the school policies.
- Final acceptance into the Pre-Professional Program will require a statement from your school confirming that you have arranged your academic studies as required for graduation, or have agreed to a later graduation.
- Students requiring home-stay billeting with a local family should indicate this on the Application Form.
- All items submitted by the applicant become the property of Fraser Valley Academy of Dance. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged materials.
- All applicants will be contacted within 5 days of receipt of their application to confirm that their application is being processed. If you do not receive notice after 5 days, please contact the school.
- All applicants will receive a letter indicating whether or not they have been accepted into the program within 30 days of receiving their application. If you have not received your letter within 30 days, please contact the school.
- Students accepted into the Pre-Professional Program shall provide a non-refundable payment of the registration fee within 30 days in order to secure their place in the program.

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## Pre-Professional Program - Academic Guidelines

The following information is provided for guidance only, and offered solely to provide a starting point for discussions with the applicant's school. Fraser Valley Academy of Dance does not guarantee the accuracy of the information indicated in this section, and information may differ between schools and school districts. Your own counsellor or principal is best positioned to help you to determine the best available options for you.

Each applicant must make their own arrangements in order to ensure that all required courses and associated credits are achieved for graduation and entrance into post-secondary institutions.

In order to attend the Pre-Professional Program, students must be able to attend the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance from 1:00pm each day. This requires a flexible academic schedule. There are several ways to achieve such a flexible schedule. The final choice will likely involve a combination of options.

1. **Consider carefully where you wish to be upon graduation.** Do you plan to attend University or College? Are you planning for a career in dance? If so, have you understood the route to that career? Have you considered alternative careers in case your first choice is not successful? Ensure you have the courses necessary to keep your options open to you upon graduation.
2. **Read your BC Graduation Planner Guide** to understand thoroughly your Graduation Program routes. Make sure that you understand the courses you are required to take from this point until your graduation before you even consider the option of attending a half-day dance program.
3. **Talk to your school counsellor and/or principal.** They are the experts who can guide you through the many options.
4. **List all courses you will need between now and graduation.** Indicate how you will achieve each course (in school, online, etc).
5. **Consider the various options for completing courses.** Find out where you can get which courses:

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High School Courses	Which of your courses can your high school offer in the mornings? Will they allow you to take some courses in the classroom and some outside of class?
Early Credits	Which courses might you be able to complete early to free up time in later grades? Can you take a course now or in the summer to apply to next year's credits?
Self-Directed Studies	Some schools offer in-school self-directed learning programs where students learn in-school with access to a teacher as needed, outside of the scheduled classes.
External Credits	<p>Many extra-curricular activities are included in the list of Ministry of Education Courses, and are eligible for External Credit towards your graduation. At present, FVAD offers an exam route which can provide students with elective credits towards graduation.</p> <p>The following each provide 4 Fine Arts credits. Discuss these with your counsellor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• URAD 10: RAD Intermediate Foundation Ballet Exam</li> <li>• URAD 11: RAD Intermediate Ballet Exam</li> <li>• URAD 12A: RAD Advanced Foundation or Advanced 1 Ballet Exam</li> <li>• URAD 12B: RAD Advanced 1 or Advanced 2 Ballet Exam</li> <li>• UIDMT 10: ISTD Intermediate Modern Exam</li> <li>• UIDMT 11: ISTD Advanced 1 Modern Exam</li> <li>• UIDMT 12: ISTD Advanced 2 Modern Exam</li> <li>• UIDT 11: ISTD Intermediate Tap Exam</li> <li>• UIDT 12A: ISTD Advanced 1 Tap Exam</li> <li>• UIDT 12B: ISTD Advanced 2 Tap Exam</li> </ul> <p>Visit the BC Ministry of Education website for more options: <a href="#">Earning Credit through External Credentials</a></p>
Alternate Credits	<p>Many course credits can be completed using outside activities. For example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance hours might be used for the physical activity portion of Grade 10 PE, and Grade 11 &amp; 12 PE (limits may apply).</li> <li>• Rehearsal and Performance hours might be used for a school's Dance 10, 11 and 12 courses.</li> <li>• Class assistant hours might be applied as Leadership hours.</li> <li>• Rehearsal, Class Assistant, and Backstage Volunteer hours might be applied as Volunteer hours.</li> </ul>
Distributed Learning	<p>Distance learning courses are available province-wide and may involve online training or self-directed studying at home with regular access to teachers and counselors via email, mail, telephone or in person depending on the program's location. In Mission, Summit Learning offers these courses. In Abbotsford, Virtual Learning provides this service. A student is not restricted by their district and can enroll in another district's distance learning course if it is not available to them in their own district.</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.learnnowbc.ca">www.learnnowbc.ca</a> to learn about the thousands of courses offered free to BC residents.</p>

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Independent Directed Studies	With approval of your principal, and a teacher who agrees to supervise you, you may qualify to follow your own course which can provide credits towards graduation. An example of this would be to use your dance training in place of taking an in-school Dance 10, 11 or 12, which may or may not be offered at your school.
Course Challenge	A student may have obtained skills or knowledge comparable to those learned in a defined course, without actually having taken that course. Students can challenge a course to obtain the credits without taking the course. Each School Authority has its own challenge process.
Summer School	Many courses are available in BC as part of the summer school program. An entire year's course can be completed by attending class several hours each day for a few weeks in the summer. This is ideal for completing a course that cannot be scheduled in their school in the morning hours, but for which a student would prefer being taught in a classroom environment with a teacher.
Other School Districts	It may be necessary for a student to change schools or attend school in another district in order to find the flexibility required. Students living non-commutable distances in particular might consider a weekday home-stay with another ballet student's family, or as part of another district's home-stay program, in order to be eligible to attend an out-of-district school.
Gap Year	You may need to accept the fact that you cannot complete all of the courses you require before graduation. In this case, you may need to consider an extra year or part-year before applying to post-secondary education in order to obtain all credits necessary. Are you prepared to do this? Will your high school still allow you to attend prom and graduation ceremonies? Make sure that you have thought through all of the options.

A number of area schools and Distributed Learning centers have already been successful in coordinating schedules for students to attend the FVAD Pre-Professional Program in Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Langley and Maple Ridge. For contact information at those schools, please contact Mrs. Carolyne Carney, School Administrator, Fraser Valley Academy of Dance.

International students and out-of-area Canadian students, please contact the school to discuss academic options such as Mission's International Student Program, Home-Stay programs and local French Immersion schools.

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## Pre-Professional Program - Sample Dance Resume

<b>Personal Information</b>	
Name	
Street address 1	
Street address 2	
Postal Code	
City	
Country	
Contact Number (including country area code)	
E-mail Address	
Date of Birth	
City of Birth	
Nationality	
Gender	
Height	[metres / feet]
Weight	[kg / lbs]
<b>Academic Education</b> (one line per school)	
(year)	(education, school, city)
<b>Dance Training</b> (one line per school)	
(year)	(training, academy, city)
<b>Dance Syllabus and Exams</b> (list most recent level for each discipline)	
(year)	(Syllabus, Discipline, Level, School) example: (RAD, Ballet, Intermediate, FVAD)
<b>Master Classes, Workshops and Summer Courses</b> (list a maximum of 10)	
(year)	(Course or Program, School or Company, City)
<b>Stage Experience</b> (list a maximum of 10)	
(year)	(production, role)
<b>Languages</b>	
(language)	(understand and/or speak)

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## Pre-Professional Program - Application Form

Name of Applicant	Gender: M / F
Date of Birth (dd / mon / yyyy)	
Street address 1	
Street address 2	
City	
Postal Code	
Country	
Name of Parents / Guardians	
Telephone (Home)	(include country code)
Telephone (Parent's Cell)	
E-mail Address	
Ballet Experience	Level or Years Trained: _____ Classical Style: _____ (i.e. RAD, Cecchetti, Vaganova)
Auditions must occur in person or by DVD (except for current FVAD students)	<input type="checkbox"/> I will contact the school to arrange for an audition in person. <input type="checkbox"/> I am sending my audition DVD to the school. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a current FVAD student - audition not required.
I wish to apply for a Financial Needs Scholarship	Financial Needs Scholarship may be available for low-income families. Scholarship applications will be forwarded to suitable candidates upon review of each application to the Pre-Professional Program.  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I wish to receive information about Home Stay programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I wish to receive information about International Student programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you participated in classes or productions with teachers at the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance? (not required for FVAD Students)	Please explain:
I agree with the Terms & Conditions of the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance Pre-Professional Program and will abide by all school policies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years old)

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Date (dd/mon/yyyy)

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