

Performing Arts

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'When I left Whitireia, I felt fully equipped to step foot into the industry.'

Eddie



Dance



Performer

Performing in front of an audience is where Eddie feels most alive. Dance is her passion and after studying, she turned it into a fulfilling career that has taken her all over the globe.

Eddie struggled through a few different avenues of study and styles of dance before she landed at Whitireia. But from day one, the passionate people and supportive environment made her feel right home.

"There are so many benefits of full-time study. You meet amazing people who are heading into the industry at the same time as you, which is especially helpful as you navigate your dance career," she says.

Eddie's tutors stood by her every step of the way, and provided her with the skills, industry knowledge and techniques to step right into the industry.

After graduating, Eddie spent six months in India working on Bollywood films, followed by a stint in Germany as a showgirl. She was then offered an incredible opportunity to work on a cruise ship, allowing her to travel the world whilst dancing for a living.

Eddie's dance journey has led her to some incredible places, and she credit the advice of her tutors for guiding her career; "At Whitireia I was taught if someone asks you to do something, say yes! You never know where it could lead and what opportunities it could open."

To read Eddie's full story, follow the QR code below.



New Zealand Diploma in Dance (L6)



Level 6



2 years, full-time



\$8,840 per year (indicative for 2024 intake)



\$25,000* per year (indicative for 2024 intake)

Turn your passion into a career and get prepared for the industry. Develop your skills in jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop, commercial dance, lyrical, contemporary and ballroom dance. Train in our purpose-built studios and perform in live productions. Learn to market yourself, develop a professional dance portfolio, make a showreel and develop industry-standard audition techniques for global companies.

What you will learn

The New Zealand Diploma in Dance equips students with a high level of technical, artistic and interpretative skill in dance and provides the opportunity for practical performing experience. Students also study dance history, anatomy, nutrition and gain the skills to become a successful self-employed artist.

Students perform in many productions which showcase the breadth of dance styles they have mastered during their studies.

*Banner images produced by Jo Mohi, Reef Reid & Stephen A'Court.

Programme outline

Areas covered on this programme include:

- Jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop, tap, musical theatre and ballroom dance techniques
- Acrobatic techniques
- Body conditioning and Pilates
- Performance/repertoire skills
- Audition skills and preparation
- Choreography
- Dance styles/Ballroom techniques
- Singing

- Dance history
- Anatomy and nutrition
- Creative enterprise

All classes in this course are streamed into different levels best suited for the student's growth and learning needs. Our highly trained and experienced tutors work one on one with students to ensure their goals are being met and help with their transition into work from graduating.

More detail about this qualification

Performing Arts Auditions

We'll be accepting audition material until February 2024. See the [Audition Information Pack](#) for all the details.

Entry requirements

Domestic students

NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, plus evidence of skills/ability/aptitude based on audition and interview

International Students

Proven equivalence to domestic entry requirements and IELTS 6.0 (no band lower than 5.5).

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

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Related study options

[Bachelor of Creativity \(Performing Arts\)](#)

[Audition information](#)



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