Assistant Professor/ Assistant Teaching Professor of Dance (full time, tenure or non-tenure track position, based on qualifications, record of creative activities and research)

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The faculty member will teach undergraduate courses in all levels of either modern, ballet, or practices of the African diaspora such as Afro-Caribbean Dances, Capoeira, African Contemporary Techniques and etc. Faculty member should have a strong interest and expertise in urban dance education and will be involved in promoting and supporting educational programs in local Philadelphia public schools. Faculty member will also be expected to teach dance academic courses (e.g. Dance Pedagogy, Dance Appreciation, and/or Dance History etc.), create works on student dancers for concerts, and participate in recruitment and auditioning. Other teaching opportunities may include developing and teaching courses related to research interests and areas of expertise. Faculty members are expected to contribute to the department, school, and university through committee service and faculty shared-governance responsibilities.

The successful candidate will be expected to maintain personal scholarship as applicable to the discipline in the form of artistic investigation and creative activity, and through connections to meaningful artistic companies and dance organizations.

The dance program at Drexel University offers a four year BS in Dance, which tracks students to one of three graduate programs: an MS in Education (an accelerated 5 year program) through Drexel’s School of Education, an MA in Dance/Movement Therapy Program or a Doctorate in Physical Therapy through Drexel's college of Nursing and Health Professions. A fourth track of the major, the Custom Designed Track, supports students in performing and administrative careers in dance. The dance program enrolls 40 majors, 20 minors, and services 250 students each term in dance technique classes, including a dance track of the college’s Entertainment and Arts Management major. The program also sponsors three student dance companies, one which tours at local elementary schools, and two which perform fully produced concerts twice yearly in the state of the art Mandell Theater. The program also participates in several ongoing community engagement projects in the Philadelphia public schools and community settings including the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must have an MFA, PhD or EdD in Dance, or equivalent graduate level degree in dance and/or education, a minimum of three years university-level teaching experience; significant performing and choreographing experience as well as experience related to K-12 public education or community dance education programs.

STARTING DATE: September 1, 2020
SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.


Completed on-line application materials must include a letter of application including email address; a curriculum vitae (not more than 10 pages in length); a one-page document listing the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references; a one-page teaching philosophy; and a one-page document describing the work sample (3 to 5 pieces) with a link to the video.

Please address questions to Search Committee Chair, Sandra Parks:

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Drexel University and the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design embrace diversity and seek candidates who will create a climate that attracts students of all races, nationalities and genders. We strongly encourage women and individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented racial/ethnic groups to apply. For more information on the Dance Program visit www.drexel.edu/westphal/academics/undergraduate/dance/ <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/academics/undergraduate/dance/>