

Creative Director / Lead Instructor

Oregon Coast Dance Conservatory — Brookings, Oregon

Full-Time · Salaried · **\$58,000–\$65,000/year** (depending on experience), plus the benefits below.

Lead the artistry — without the weight of ownership. At Oregon Coast Dance, the owners handle the finances, marketing, and administration, so our Creative Director gets to focus on the part that matters: teaching, choreographing, and shaping the artistic life of a fast-growing studio on the southern Oregon coast. If you've wanted to run the creative side of a studio without the financial risk and back-office grind of owning one, this is that role.

About the studio

Oregon Coast Dance Conservatory is a premier, rapidly growing studio in the charming coastal town of Brookings, Oregon, serving over 150 students. We're dedicated to exceptional instruction in a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for students of all ages and skill levels.

The role

As the studio's artistic leader, you'll teach 15–20 classes per week across multiple genres and varied age groups, choreograph our signature productions, and help set the studio's creative direction.

Key Responsibilities

- **Teaching** — 15–20 classes/week (~15–20 instructional hours), beginning through advanced: ballet, pointe, jazz, and modern for ages 7 through adult. Ability to also teach beginning–intermediate tap and musical theater is ideal; additional genres (hip hop, lyrical, ballroom) or dance-fitness styles are a major plus.
- **Choreography** —
 - An original story ballet for the holiday production, alternating each year with a restaging of our unique Nutcracker.
 - An original story ballet based on a well-known children's story for the spring production.
 - Short pieces for our Dance Wave Performance Company's community-outreach events.
- **Collaboration** — Work with the owners and part-time instructors to coordinate students' participation in productions, and with the studio manager on production logistics.

Qualifications

- Minimum two years of teaching and/or professional performance experience in classical ballet, jazz, and/or modern. Proficiency in tap, musical theater, hip hop, or ballroom highly desirable.
- Bachelor's in Dance, Arts Administration, or a related field preferred; equivalent experience considered.
- Experience managing or administering a dance program preferred.
- Available weekday afternoons/evenings (Mon–Fri), some Saturdays for pre-show rehearsals, and occasional Sundays during production weeks.

Also good to know

- A six-month or one-year contract is preferred; a longer-term commitment is a plus.
- Candidates should be able to relocate to Brookings as soon as possible — ideally by the start of fall classes in September.

Benefits

- Access to a studio car if needed
- Professional-development opportunities as requested
- Annual tax-preparation assistance

Why Brookings?

Tucked along Oregon's southern coast, Brookings offers stunning natural beauty, mild weather, abundant outdoor activities, and a close-knit community — an exceptional quality of life and a genuinely unique coastal home.

To apply

Please send your resume and cover letter to Jenifer at **Info@CatchTheDanceWave.com**. Teaching, choreography, or performance reels are welcome too. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.