

The Pre Apprentice Division is designed for students who would like to devote more time and focus to their dance studies. Students will take the two weekly ballet classes of their designated level, but will also take additional technique classes, modern, and jazz. This program allows the students to train at a more intense level and will help them become well-rounded dancers, prepared for collegiate or professional routes should they choose.

### Pre Apprentice I

At the Pre Apprentice I level, the focus is on strengthening the feet, ankles, legs, core, and upper body in preparation for going en pointe. The reason for this is mainly safety—students who go en pointe need to be very strong so that there is less risk of injury. A minimum of two years in this program and a minimum age of 12 is required before students will be considered for going en pointe, but that does not guarantee pointe shoes. Students will be kept in this level until they are ready for pointe work.

**Monday: 7:00-7:30 p.m.**

*Students are also required to take Ballet I twice a week, a jazz, and a modern class.*

### Pre Apprentice II

Pre Apprentice level II will build upon the work from level I, with continued focus on strengthening the feet, ankles, legs, core, and upper body. For those students on pointe, emphasis will be on developing proper pointe technique in a safe manner.

**Friday: 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

*Students are also required to take Ballet II twice a week, a jazz, and a modern class.*

### Pre Apprentice III/IV

Pre Apprentice levels III and IV will expand on the skills from level II, with longer classes going at a faster pace building additional stamina and strength. Pointe will be incorporated into some ballet classes at this level.

**Friday: 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

*Students are also required to take Ballet III/IV twice a week, a jazz, and a modern class.*

**Scholarships Available!**  
Stop by the front desk for more information.

Tuition is based on a 34 week Academy Term; for your convenience we have broken it down into monthly installments.

3% discount if you pay for full semester

5% discount if you pay for full Academy Term

Academy Term Registration fee: \$30 per student (\$60 max per family)

College Student Discount 10%

Senior Citizen Discount (65+) 40%

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