

Jordan Pratkano

EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education, New Brunswick NJ *Anticipated May 2020*
Master's Degree in Dance Education
Anticipated Teacher of Dance, K-12 Certificate
Cumulative GPA: 4.0
Honors: Dean's List, National Honor Society for Dance Arts, National Dance Education Organization Student Organization Graduate Chair

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ *May 2019*
Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree in Dance Performance
Cumulative GPA: 3.9
Honors: Dean's List, Inaugural member of the Rutgers Honors College, National Honor Society, National Honor Society for Dance Arts, National Dance Education Organization Student Organization Undergraduate Chair

CERTIFICATIONS

PK-12 Dance Teaching Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing *Anticipated June 2020*
New Jersey State Teaching License

Substitute Teacher License *September 2019 - Present*
Hudson County School District

Om Factory NYC, New York City, NY *July 2018*
200 Hour Registered Vinyasa Yoga Teacher
Registered under Yoga Alliance under the direction of Blair Ritchie and Taryn Vander Hoop

Health & Safety Certifications *2015 - Present*

- Heatwise
- ConcussionWise
- HeartWise
- Background Check/Fingerprinting
- HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) Prevention

PK-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Elizabeth Avenue School, Franklin Township, NJ *February 2020 - Present*
Cultural Arts Recreation Enrichment (C.A.R.E) Afterschool Program
"Kinetic Connections" Course Fieldwork
Rebecca Visintainer and Emily Funicello, Course Instructors

- Collaborate with fellow dance educator, Imani Munford, to create an interdisciplinary unit plan with Social Justice and Dance for students grades 2-5.
- Dance unit plan covers both National Core Art Standards and Social Justice Standards

Explore Middle School, Jersey City, NJ*September 2019 - Present*

Allyson Krone, Principal of Expore Middle School

Jamie Velazquez, Supervisor of Instruction of Explore Middle School

- Direct the after school yoga and dance program at Explore Middle School
- Built a curriculum that is differentiated to students of various abilities using the New Jersey State Standards and National Core Arts Standards
- Participated in the Career Day Celebration to help encourage students to explore their interests and passions

Bayonne High School, Bayonne, NJ*September - December 2019*

Richard Baccarella, Principal of Bayonne High School

Tim Craig, Performing & Fine Arts Supervisor

Kelli McGovern, Cooperating Teacher

Full-Time Student-Teaching Clinical Internship

- Accrued 600 hours of full-time teaching experience in a dance classroom with grades 9-12
- Developed lesson and unit plans that were differentiated for a diverse range of students using the New Jersey State Standards and National Core Arts Standards
- Designed a yoga curriculum focusing on breath, alignment, posture and meditation, including variations and modifications for a variety of abilities
- Communicated with dance educators and supervisors to reflect upon my teaching practices and to develop the most effective pedagogic experiences
- Choreographed for the Winter Performance, "Generation Z," at Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater in New York City
- Attended Department Meetings
- Participated in Social Emotional Learning Professional Development Workshops
- Chaperoned high school students at the Lizzie Borden House Tour in Fall River, Massachusetts

Bayonne High School, Bayonne, NJ*Spring 2019*

Richard Baccarella, Principal of Bayonne High School

Tim Craig, Performing & Fine Arts Supervisor

Kelli McGovern, Cooperating Teacher

Part-Time Student-Teaching Clinical Internship

- Accrued 180 hours of student teaching in a dance classroom with grades 9-12
- Observed cooperating teacher and reflected on pedagogic practices to strengthen my own teaching practices
- Assisted my cooperating teacher with creating choreography for beginner, intermediate and advanced dance students
- Developed and instructed individual lessons and exercises in jazz, contemporary and modern dance styles
- Choreographed for the Spring Dance Showcase, "A.I."

Sampson G. Smith Middle School, Franklin Township, NJ*Fall 2018*

Evelyn Rutledge, Principal of Sampson G. Smith Middle School

Cherilyn Strand, Cooperating Teacher

Student-Teaching Practicum Internship

- Accrued 60 hours of student teaching in a middle school setting, grades 6-8
- Observed cooperating teacher and utilized the pedagogical experiences to influence my own teaching practice

Mason Gross School of the Arts, University DanceWorks*Fall 2017 - Spring 2019***Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ**

- Performance member of the Mason Gross Dance Touring Company
- Traveled throughout New Jersey to visit public and vocational high schools
- Collaborated with fellow students and dance educators to develop the exercises for a master class
- Co-instructed master classes
- Performed in formal concerts

COMMUNITY & PRIVATE STUDIO TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bayonne High School Performing Arts Conservatory Young Dance Program, Bayonne, NJ *January 2020 - Present*

- Provide a positive, enjoyable and comfortable classroom environment for learners
- Develop and create lessons for a wide range of ages and levels
- Encourage students' love of movement while laying the basic foundations of dance
- Create ballet and jazz lesson plans so students are able to understand movement vocabulary, technique and class structure

Washington Rock Dance, Warren, NJ *Spring 2019 - Present*

- Foster a positive and encouraging dance classroom environment
- Develop and create lessons for students of various ages and levels
- Teach multiple genres of dance including: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary and Modern

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- **Vīrya**, New York City, NY *Spring 2020*
"Generation Z," Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater
- **Research**, Bayonne, NJ *Spring 2019*
"A.I." Bayonne High School
- **2006**, New Brunswick, NJ *Spring 2019*
Senior Dance Concert, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater
- **Karma**, New Brunswick, NJ *Fall 2018*
Choreographer & Performer: Jordan Pratko
Senior Solo/Duet Concert, Loree Dance Theater

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- **Chasing**, New York City, NY *Spring 2020*
Choreographer: Blair Ritchie
Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater
- **Silent Solstice**, Point Pleasant, NJ *Summer 2019*
Choreographer: 78moves
Dance New Jersey's Show Up & Dance, Jenkinson's Boardwalk
- **Where we have been**, New Brunswick, NJ *Fall 2018*
Choreographer: Ani Javian
DancePlus, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater
Dancer
- **Karma**, New Brunswick, NJ *Fall 2018*
Choreographer & Performer: Jordan Pratko
Senior Solo/Duet Concert, Loree Dance Theater
- **Hot Head // Blind Eyes**, New York City, NY *Summer 2018*
Choreographer: 78moves
Amalgamate Artist Series, NY City Center Studios
Sans Limites Dance Festival, Hudson Guild Theater
- **And the sea shall give up its dead**, New Brunswick, NJ *Spring 2017*
Choreographer: John Evans
DancePlus, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater

- **A sketch of twenty and a body of one**, SUNY Potsdam, NY *Spring 2017*
Choreographer: Javier Padilla
American College Dance Association Festival (ACDA)
- **7th Cycle**, New Brunswick, NJ *Spring 2017*
Choreographer: Blair Ritchie
DancePlus, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater
- **Are You The Profit?** New Brunswick, NJ *Spring 2016*
Choreographer: Cleo Mack
DancePlus, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater

HONORS & AWARDS

- National Honor Society for Dance Arts Inductee *Spring 2019*
- Recipient of the Mastrobuono Distinguished EdM Dance Education Student Scholarship *Spring 2019*
- Recipient of the University DanceWorks Scholarship *Fall 2018 – Spring 2020*
- Recipient of the Mastrobuono EdM Dance Education Excellence Award Scholarship *Spring 2018*
- Dean’s List *Fall 2015 - Present*
- Recipient of the Rutgers’s Scarlet Scholarship *Fall 2015 – Spring 2019*
- Recipient of The Dean’s List Scholarship *Fall 2015 – Spring 2019*

SERVICE

- **Volunteer at the New Jersey High School Dance Festival** *Spring 2019*
Union City, NJ
- **Volunteer and Performer at Pre-College Dance Experience** *Fall 2018 & Fall 2019*
Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University
- **Volunteer at Dance & Parkinson’s, Moving Forward** *Fall 2018*
New Brunswick, NJ

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/MEMBERSHIPS

- **National Dance Education Organization Conference, Miami, FL** *October 2019*
The Creative Process: Choreography, Choice-Making, and Communication
- National Dance Education Organization *Fall 2017*
- Dance New Jersey *Fall 2017*

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

- Ballet
- Modern
- Jazz
- Tap
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Creative Movement
- Improvisation
- Choreography
- Yoga

REFERENCES

Kelli McGovern – Cooperating Teacher at Bayonne High School, Bayonne, NJ
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