PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS

ELEMENTARY MODERN DANCE
PHED 1120

Class Hours: 0.0 Credit Hours: 2.0
Laboratory Hours: 3.0 Date Revised: Fall 2002

Catalog Course Description:
Instruction and practice in elementary modern dance techniques.

Entry Level Standards:
The student should be able to effectively communicate with instructor and peers, complete assignments according to instructor specifications, and read and write at the required level.

Prerequisites:
None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

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<td>Intro. to modern dance posture and body alignment; standing at barre and in center; what to expect each class meeting</td>
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<td>Technique class (intro. to Graham)</td>
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<td>Technique class and intro to improvisation</td>
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<td>Technique class and musical possibilities</td>
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<td>Technique and Anatomy, Injury, and Diet</td>
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<td>Technique and History of Modern Dance</td>
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<td>Choreographic Approaches</td>
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<td>Technique class and choreographic assignment</td>
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<td>Technique and present choreography</td>
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<td>Technique class and review/share notebooks</td>
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15 Final skill/choreographic test
16 Written final exam during exam week

II. Course Objectives*:

A. Demonstrate knowledge of and engage in warm-up and cool-down dance activities. I,II
B. Demonstrate knowledge of dance etiquette, injury care, and safety while training for dance. I,III
C. Demonstrate knowledge of dance/fitness terminology. I,III
D. Formulate dance/fitness program. I,III
E. Evaluate and correct errors in dance movements. I,III
F. Demonstrate knowledge of dance equipment. I,III
G. Demonstrate and employ knowledge of healthy eating habits for nutrition. I, III
H. Maintain dance journal/notebook. I,III
I. Demonstrate knowledge of body composition, cardiovascular fitness, strength, and flexibility. I,III
J. Engage in flexibility activities. I,III
K. Engage in muscular strength activities. I,III
L. Engage in cardiovascular activities. I,III
M. Demonstrate knowledge of and engage in activities that factor into improving and maintaining a healthy body composition. I,III

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the university parallel program.

III. Instructional Processes*:

Students will:

1. Listen to and participate in lecture and discussions regarding factual information relevant to dance fitness and wellness. Communication Outcome, Information Literacy Outcome, Active Learning Strategy
2. Read and demonstrate knowledge of the health-related components of dance. Communication Outcome, Information Literacy Outcome
3. Analyze, evaluate, and modify behavior to improve personal health and wellness. Personal Development Outcome, Problem Solving and Decision Making Outcome, Transitional Strategy
4. Develop lifestyle strategies which enhance physical fitness and wellness. Problem Solving and Decision Making Outcome
5. Appreciate the intrinsic value of dance fitness as an element of a lifetime commitment to physical fitness and wellness. Transitional Strategy, Personal Development Outcome

*Strategies and outcomes listed after instructional processes reference Pellissippi State’s goals for strengthening general education knowledge and skills, connecting coursework to experiences beyond the classroom, and encouraging students to take active and responsible roles in the educational process.
IV. Expectations for Student Performance*:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Understand medical considerations before embarking on a dance program.  
2. Demonstrate knowledge of and engage in effective warm-up activities.  A,B,C,D,J
3. Demonstrate knowledge of and engage in effective cool-down activities.  A,B,C,D,J
4. Wear proper clothing and footwear for a safe dance class.  B
5. Describe the cardiovascular benefits of a dance class.  I,L
6. Describe the metabolic benefits of dance.  I,L
7. Describe the psychological benefits of dance.  I,L
8. Define muscular strength, understand why it is a health related component of fitness, and engage in strength exercises as part of dances.  K
9. Define flexibility, understand why it is a health related component of fitness, and engage in flexibility exercises as part of dance.  J
10. Demonstrate knowledge of and engage in a variety of different stretching methods.  B,E,J
11. Describe how to stretch safely.  B,E,F,J
12. Demonstrate knowledge of physical activity, fitness, and disease prevention and treatment.  I,M
13. Describe the RICE acronym to remember first aid treatment.  B
14. Demonstrate knowledge of the function and importance of protein in a balanced, nutritional diet.  G,M
15. Demonstrate knowledge of the function and importance of fat in a balanced, nutritional diet.  G,M
16. Demonstrate knowledge of the function and importance of carbohydrates in a balanced, nutritional diet.  G,M
17. Demonstrate knowledge of the function and importance of water in a balanced, nutritional diet.  G,M
18. Demonstrate knowledge of the function and importance of vitamins in a balanced, nutritional diet.  G,M
19. Employ the food guide pyramid in developing a healthy eating plan.  D,G,I,M

*Letters after performance expectations reference the course objectives listed above.

V. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures: 40% of grade

   Written Quizzes 20 pts.
   Written Final 10 pts.
   Notebook 10 pts.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

   N/A
C. Field Work: 60% of grade

   Skill Tests and Choreographic Assignments 40 pts.
   Participation 20 pts

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

   N/A

E. Grading Scale:

   90 - 100 = A
   88 - 89 = B+
   80 - 87 = B
   78 - 79 = C+
   70 - 77 = C
   60 - 69 = D

VI. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

   Pellissippi State Technical Community College expects students to attend all scheduled
   instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses must be present for at least 75
   percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course.
   Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of Academic
   and Student Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent.
   After a student misses five hours of class, 5 points may be subtracted from the student's final
   grade.

B. Other Policies:

   Make-up Policy:
   1. After one week, students will not be allowed to make up written exams.
   2. With documentation, students will be allowed to make up absences by attending other dance
      classes offered at Pellissippi State. Arrangements must be discussed with both instructors.
   Injury Policy:
   1. Students injured during class must inform the instructor immediately. An accident/incident
      report must be filed. This policy applies to all injuries.