

Application Information

MA Contemporary Dance Performance: VERVE and MA Contemporary Dance Performance: Postgraduate Apprenticeship Scheme (PAS)

Our first round auditions are combined for these two courses as many candidates may wish to apply for both* and this way they only need to attend one initial audition. Candidates who are shortlisted, from the first round audition, for one or both of the above courses would then need to attend either the VERVE recall audition and/or some or all of the participating Company auditions.

** Please note: PAS is not open to applications from International students due to UK Visa and Immigration restrictions; the course largely takes place 'off-site' at the Company venue and therefore does not allow us to meet sponsor duties.*

We have a limited number of places available at our auditions and so recommend early submission of your application to secure an audition date. **Applications open on Monday 1st October 2018.** Our final closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019, however, you will need to submit your application in advance of the audition you wish to attend and we can advise that most applications are made and auditions booked by late December/early January each year.

The **NSCD online application form** will be available on the course **How to Apply** webpage between the dates stated above.

To make your online application you will be required to enter / upload the following information:

1. **Select the MA Contemporary Dance Performance course/s that you are applying for.**
You have the option of applying for either or both of the MA Contemporary Dance Performance courses.
2. **Personal Details** (name, contact details etc)
3. **Your current or most recent place of education**
4. **The highest qualification level** you expect to have completed by course entry

5. **A Personal Statement** (Please use a minimum of 250 words to a maximum of 1000 words which you will copy and paste to the box requested)

Include

- Your reasons for applying for an MA course
- Your reasons for choosing Northern School of Contemporary Dance
- What you hope to achieve after completing your training

6. **An academic task**

This should be in the form of EITHER

- a) a written document (report/essay/mode of your choice) of between 1000-1500 words (in pdf format, including your name, to be uploaded)

or

- b) a link to a your online verbal presentation (lecture/presentation/mode of your choice) between 5-7 mins long

Content: Present an informed discussion focused on a particular aspect of contemporary dance and/or performance that interests you. For example you might choose to explore ideas around stage presence by comparing the work of specific artists, or to investigate the audience/performer relationship. We are interested to see and hear what interests you so you can choose to discuss anything at all that in some way relates to contemporary dance practice.

Whilst you are welcome to draw on personal experience, we would also like to see how you can support your ideas through research and the use of relevant primary and secondary sources; we will expect you to draw on published research material. We therefore ask that you please include a bibliography (a list of resources).

7. **Equality and Diversity Information** (ethnicity, disability and household income). The information you give in this section is used for statistical and monitoring processes only and does not form any part of the selection or admissions process. If, however, you wish us to make any disability access arrangements please contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk prior to your audition.
8. **Select your audition:** you will be able to select your preferred audition date subject to availability (the number of places left will be indicated). We do recommend early submission of your application to secure the date you may want.
9. There is an **application/audition fee of £50** which is paid via PayPal after you have submitted your application. *Applications received without this payment will not be considered.*
10. After you have submitted your application you will receive an **email confirmation** which will include your selected audition date. *Please check and save this email.*