

Assistant Professor of Dance

Cottey College, a private liberal arts and sciences college for women, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in dance, starting August 2025. The Department of Theatre and Dance is seeking a candidate to teach a variety of dance techniques, improvisation, composition, and choreography. Candidates for this position should have a primary expertise in choreography and performance-making, including experience working with musical theatre. The preferred candidate will have earned a terminal degree in dance, either an MFA or a Ph.D. Candidates with an MA and considerable professional dance experience will be considered.

We seek a dance artist who can contribute course offerings in composition and choreography and other approaches to movement-based performance-making, dance techniques, and improvisation. In addition, the ideal candidate will be able to offer courses that place the study of dance within relevant historical and cultural contexts. We encourage applicants who possess a broad understanding of current dance practices, including those related to performance in the theatre. The successful candidate should also expect to lead a significant artistic project each semester with students as part of the overall teaching load. The college has an established dance company which has fostered an inclusive environment for all students regardless of gender pronouns, physical stature and disabilities, and an expectation to continue supporting this aim is desired.

Cottey College, located in Nevada Missouri, has offered young women the opportunity to learn and grow since 1884. It encompasses a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff, including 27% first generation students, 47% students awarded Pell Grants, 18% students of color, 6% international students, 19% faculty of color, and 29% international faculty. The successful candidate will have demonstrated favorable results in working with diverse populations. A Cottey education is guided by three threads: leadership, social responsibility, and global awareness. Cottey College helps each student excel as learners, leaders, and global citizens - providing a comprehensive and empowering experience in an intimate academic setting that transforms them to reach their highest potential.

Review of application begins October 19 and continues until the position is filled. Send cover letter; curriculum vitae; statement of teaching philosophy, including philosophy of teaching a diverse student body; copies of transcripts, video samples of creative work including representation of choreographic work on other bodies (or links thereto), and the contact information for three references. Application materials should be submitted by email as Word or PDF documents to Dr. Karla McCain, VPAA (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Cottey College, Nevada, MO 64772. E-mail: acadaffairs@cottey.edu; Phone: 417-667-8181, ext. 2128. Applicants must be eligible to work in the US without sponsorship. Further information about Cottey is available at <http://www.cottey.edu>. Cottey College is an Equal Opportunity Employer