



SIUE Competitive Dance Team Overview, Expectations and Application 2023-2024

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Competitive Dance Team is administered through Campus Recreation. We support the mission of Campus Recreation, which is to enhance the collegiate experience, foster personal and professional development, and provide opportunities for cultural and social interaction.

The SIUE Dance Team is a competitive dance team. We are looking for elite level technicians, entertaining and strong performers and collegiate professionalism. In order to audition students must be accepted by SIUE. Members of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours per semester, maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA to be eligible. The length of service for a member of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team is one year from the date of selection. The SIUE Dance Team performs at home men's and women's basketball games and also competes at NDA Collegiate Nationals. Additional commitments include, but are not limited to, summer practices, summer camp, and other appearances as requested. ALL team members are required to participate in all fundraisers, some of which may occur during the summer. Additional information regarding fundraising over the summer will be given to those members who make the team.

Practices will be held a minimum of two times per week first semester and will be increased second semester in preparation for Nationals. Team workouts for strength and conditioning are also required.

The SIUE Competitive Dance Team will attend camp at SIUE on July 29 - July 31 and August 1, 2023, and attendance is mandatory. Additional summer practices will be scheduled based on the availability of team members. The anticipated cost of camp, campwear/team apparel and shoes for new team members is \$625.00, and this is due no later than May 20, 2023. (Returning seniors will receive a \$100 discount/returning juniors will receive at \$50 discount.)

Note: The administrators of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team Program reserve the right to refuse a tryout or a position on the team to any person for reason of academic deficiencies or violations against the University's standards of conduct, past performances which dishonored the integrity of the program or university, or physical liability.

Tryout details and an application appear below. If you are chosen to be part of this program, we expect a high level of commitment from you. Feel free to contact Coach Deets via e-mail if you have any further questions. We wish you the best of luck during tryouts!

Sincerely,

Michelle Deets, Head Coach
SIUE Competitive Dance Team
michelledets@idta.org



SIUE Competitive Dance Team Tryout Information 2023-2024

Date/Location/Time:

April 30, 2023/SIUE Fitness Center/check-in begins @ 1:15PM

Note:

Transportation to and from tryouts and overnight housing (if needed) are the responsibility of the student. Tryouts are closed to the public. No video/audiotaping or photography will be permitted.

Please bring the following documents to turn in at tryouts. Failure to have ALL forms will render the student ineligible to tryout.

1. Application
2. 5" x 7" color head shot
3. Incoming Freshmen/Transfer Students: a copy of SIUE acceptance letter/Current Students: a copy of your SIUE ID
4. Unofficial copy of school transcript and GPA
5. SIUE Competitive Cheer and Dance Contract and Guidelines Signature Sheet (posted on website: suecheeranddance.com)

Each applicant will be evaluated on the following:

1. Turns: Right pirouettes (double, triple, quad); turns in second
2. Leaps: Jeté, leap in second, calypso, turning disc
3. Jumps: Toe touch
4. Flexibility: Splits; leg hold
5. Contemporary/Lyrical Routine: Memory and execution, technique within the routine, performance ability, showmanship
6. Pom Routine: Memory and execution, technique within the routine, performance ability, showmanship
7. Interview (will be conducted in your tryout attire): Collegiate look, confidence, projection, diction, personality

Tryout Attire:

Black tank or leotard and black booty shorts/tights are optional
NO embellishments on tops or bottoms
Tan jazz shoes
Hair should be worn in a bun
Makeup game ready
Rhinestone earrings allowed in ears only; NO additional jewelry



SIUE Competitive Dance Team
Tryout Application
2023-2024

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY.

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Birthdate: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Classification for Fall: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Street Address (*if different from above*): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

Previous dance experience: _____

Pre-existing Injuries: _____

Other Activities/Employment: _____

Please include a reference that we may contact (preferably a current coach, former coach or current teacher)

Name/Relationship to you: _____ Phone Number: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If applicant is under the age of 18)