

## Audition procedure and entry requirements

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## Application

Start application October 2021 - Deadline application 15 March 2022

In order **to apply** for the dance therapy audition candidates:

- Need to register at Studielink (<https://www.codarts.nl/en/admission-dance-therapy/>)
- Will receive an email after registration via Studielink with the login and link to Osiris Application
- Need to make the registration complete via Osiris Application
- Need to upload a passport picture in Osiris Application
- Need to upload a cv and motivation in English in Osiris Application
- Need to provide a (YouTube)link of a video for the preselection in Osiris Application, in order to have a chance of being invited to the group dance audition
- Need to have a bachelor's degree (or equivalent, more information below). *Only applicable for candidates who have been awarded a study place. After receiving the enrolment package, you will be asked to send in your diploma.*

# Audition Procedure

The audition procedure consists of the following elements:

1.
  - a. Preselection on work experience (min. 2 years after the BA degree)
  - b. Preselection via video (sending in YouTube-link)
2. Group dance audition at Codarts, Rotterdam
3. Online intake interview
4. English Language Proficiency. Non-Dutch students (unless they hold a Dutch or UK bachelor's degree) need to show proof of English language proficiency. Codarts asks for the level of IELTS Academic 6.0. The candidate needs to produce documents that show the adequate level of English or take a test offered by Codarts after admittance to the programme.

## Additional information audition procedure

### Ad 1a Working experience / cv

We select candidates with a certain amount of life and work experience either professionally, or as a volunteer, preferably in dance and/or social services, after having acquired the BA degree. You can provide a description of the content and breadth of this work experience in your CV. In case of unclarity or doubts contact will be sought

### Ad 1a Motivation letter

Write a clear explanation of what motivates your interest in the programme. This motivation letter should not exceed 500 words (approximately one A4 page) and must be written in English.

The letter should explain why you want to study dance therapy, and how you see dance has influenced your own (mental) health, as well as the health of others. The letter should explain:

- how you have come to wish to become a dance movement therapist
- how this connects with your background in dance and other experience
- what your hopes and expectations for the future are
- anything else you consider relevant for the application

This letter will give us a good sense of how well you can express yourself (in English) and is an essential part of the selection procedure.

### Ad 1b Preselection via video

We ask everyone to do a preselection based on dance by providing a link of a video with some dance assignments. This will spare you unnecessary travel costs and help us manage the audition procedures efficiently. Upload the link of your YouTube video before March 15th, 2022, onto Osiris Application. Based on this video, we will invite you (or not) for the group audition.

### Assignments for preselection

There are 2 short assignments for your short video, which is to be no longer than 4 minutes in total:

1. Improvise freely in whatever way you like, with or without music. Not a composition but spontaneous dance improvisation. Max 2 minutes.
2. Compose a short phrase without music in which you:
  - Change tempo
  - Change levels of height
  - Make a gesture
  - Do a turn
  - Change direction of movingYou can do this in any order you like. Max. 2 minutes.

## **Ad 2 Group dance audition**

The group audition date is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at Codarts, Rotterdam. You will be invited to participate after a positive result of the pre (video) selection.

### **Dance Skills required**

- Be an embodied dancer and move clearly and articulately
- Be skilled within at least one form of dance and be familiar with a wide range of other dance skills and be able to communicate non-verbally through dance and movement.

### **What to expect of the Group dance audition?**

Dance experience will be evaluated in a movement audition that consists of a 90-minute improvisation workshop. Candidates are not so much evaluated on their technical skills but on physical coordination, use of space, variation in movement and efforts, authenticity, movement articulation, the ability to develop an improvisation task, reflect verbally on this, and generally on the ability for non-verbal interaction. The audition consists of;

- Group Improvisation with specific assignments, focusing on movement/dance interaction, non-verbal communication skills and verbal reflections
- Solo-Duo improvisations and verbal reflections

## **Ad 3 Online intake interview**

If the dance audition proved to be satisfactory candidates will be invited for an online intake interview. This will take place in May 2022 (dates to be announced).

The intake interview allows us to ask you questions about work and education, your understanding of dance and its effect on self and others. And furthermore, to discuss some personal issues that may have been raised in your motivational letter, dance audition or life story which could be of influence in following the programme. To avoid disappointments, we also want to hear from candidates what their expectations of the programme are and how they see dance therapy as a profession.

To prepare for the intake interview we request that you write approximately a thousand words, (two A4 pages) describing the story of your life. Candidates need to send this in no later than one week before the interview takes place.

Only after the interview receives a positive evaluation, together with the components of the dance audition you will be notified that you are admissible for the Master of Arts Therapies, specialisation Dance Therapy at Codarts, University of the Arts.

**Diploma requirements**

Have a diploma from a (preferably) relevant university course (bachelor's or equivalent); for example, a bachelor's in dance or dance education, a bachelor's in dance movement therapy or a bachelor's in the areas of social services, health care or movement and therapy, such as psychology. It may also be possible to apply for the programme with other diplomas.

**Special notice to non-EU candidates**

Non-EU candidates should know that because of the part-time status of the programme, the Dutch government does not grant study permits to non-EU citizens (EU for this rule includes Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Suriname or Switzerland). If a person from for instance the USA is already in the Netherlands because of, work or partnership, and a residency permit was given on that basis, study will be possible.

**Final results**

Will be communicated end of May beginning of June 2022