

Sina Jayne Leigh

I have always had a real passion for Dance and it has always played a major role in my life. I began dancing lessons in Ballet, Tap and Modern at the age of four, and from that early age I have always known that I would love to follow a career in dance.

After completing secondary school with very good grades, I was determined to pursue my love and dedication for dancing. To achieve my aim, I went onto full-time college to study professional dance and gained a National Diploma in Professional Dance along with two teaching qualifications in Spanish and Tap.

After College I obtained a position teaching Spanish Dance at Horsforth Music Centre in Leeds. This was really just a way of earning money whilst auditioning to be a professional dancer. I gained a lot of experience in planning, teaching and organising, which gave me a lot of confidence. I also found it very rewarding and fulfilling to pass on my passion of dancing to others. I fell in love with teaching and that is when I decided I wanted to become a dance teacher rather than to perform.

I then decided to further my skills and broaden my knowledge in the dance industry by taking on more teaching jobs. The positions are at two local dance schools, one of which is where I was a pupil. This has really helped me to continue my progress and gain more skills teaching other dance subjects.

With the jobs being in the evening, I also wanted to do something during the day, which would help me earn more money, so I took on a job in a local pharmacy training as a dispensing assistant. Working in the pharmacy is not something I imagined myself doing and I have realised that I don't just want teaching as a part-time job, I want to teach all day every day. This is why I am in the process of converting my National Diploma into a BA (Hons) at Middlesex University, which will enable me to move onto a postgraduate teaching qualification and gain 'Qualified Teaching Status'.

I am extremely keen and competitive and excel both as a team player and as an individual. I have very good organisational skills and a natural ability to inspire and motivate others and I always strive for the best by giving 100% commitment.

I am enthusiastic, reliable and trustworthy and have the energy and drive to succeed.