

New York Summer Intensive Counselor

Classification: Counselor, Summer Intensive
Department: Education and Training
Reporting to: Summer Intensive Director
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The Company

American Ballet Theatre (ABT) is one of the greatest dance companies in the world. Since its founding season in 1940, ABT's mission has been to create, present, preserve, and extend the incredible repertoire of classical dancing for the widest possible audience. Headquartered in New York City, ABT is the only cultural institution of its size and stature to extensively tour, enchanting audiences for eight decades in 50 U.S. states, 45 countries, and over 480 cities worldwide. ABT's repertoire includes full-length classics from the nineteenth century, the finest works from the early twentieth century, and acclaimed contemporary masterpieces. In 2006, by an act of Congress, ABT was designated "America's National Ballet Company®."

The Opportunity

This is a unique opportunity to join one of the world's preeminent performing arts institutions at a time of artistic ambition and energetic growth. The individual in the Summer Intensive Counselor position will serve as an integral part of the Summer Intensive program by creating a safe and supportive environment for students and acting as a resource to help students thrive in the studios.

The Mission

The mission of American Ballet Theatre is to create, to present, to preserve, and to extend the great repertoire of classical dancing, through exciting performances and educational programming of the highest quality, presented to the widest possible audience.

ABT'S Summer Intensive Program

American Ballet Theatre's Summer Intensive has earned a reputation for being the most thorough and rewarding dance experience a student can have during the summer. Under the supervision of ABT's Artistic Director Susan Jaffe and Artistic Director of Summer Intensives Kate Lydon, the program offers top quality teachers and master guest teachers that are dedicated to the learning process and growth of each individual student. The ABT Summer Intensive focuses on developing well-rounded dancers through exposure to a wide variety of disciplines with an emphasis on classical ballet technique and key elements of ABT's National Training Curriculum.

The Role

The Summer Intensive Counselor will assist with all aspects of American Ballet Theatre's New York City Summer Intensive Program from June 22 – July 24, 2026 (for dancers ages 12-20) and/or the New York Young Dancer Summer Workshop from July 27 – August 7, 2026 (for dancers ages 9-12). This position works closely with the Director of Summer Intensives, faculty, students and ABT administrative staff. Responsibilities include:

- Working closely with a group of 25- 30 students attending the program to monitor behavior, attendance and general well being of the students.
- Assisting Summer Intensive staff with planning and daily activities of the program such as schedules, faculty changes, rehearsals, studio showings, data entry, daily attendance, health of students, etc.

- Communicating with parents, students, and faculty regarding Summer Intensive schedules, student attendance and final showing information.
- Acting as an on-site chaperone to report any physical or psychological issues or problems that arise with the student body.
- Monitoring dancers' conduct and behavior and reporting any problems or concerns to the Summer Intensive Assistant.
- Chaperoning students on the subway to the ABT Summer Intensive final performance and work closely with Production staff to ensure a smooth dress rehearsal and performance.
- Performing other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Seeking college dance and arts administration students who have completed one year of college or are at least 19 years of age
- Excellent communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work productively with artists
- Ability to manage multiple activities in a pressured environment.
- Knowledge of dance and performing arts
- Experience interacting with students and parents preferred.
- Due to a high percentage of international students, proficiency in multiple languages is a plus.

Compensation: Honorarium of \$250 per/week. Counselors may participate in ballet technique class with their assigned group free of charge when other responsibilities do not interfere. Housing and travel are not provided.

Applications and Inquiries: Applications must be submitted by the deadline listed on ABT's website. Please complete the online form including uploading a professional resume. No phone calls, please. We apologize in advance that we can only contact those candidates moving forward in the search process.

Equal Opportunity

American Ballet Theatre is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a workplace free from harassment and discrimination. We are committed to recruiting, hiring, training and promoting qualified people of all backgrounds, and make all employment decisions without regard to any protected status.

Disclaimer

The job description above is intended to set forth the general nature of the work that will be expected of the person who takes on this role. The job description is not, however, meant to be construed as an exhaustive list of all the duties and responsibilities required for this role. From time to time, all personnel may be required to perform duties outside their normal responsibilities as needed.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

n/a

Working Environment:

This position will be performed in a professional office environment, and theater/performance settings. This position routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets and fax machines. This position is subject to travel.

Physical Demands:

While performing the duties of this position, the employee is regularly required to sit; stand and/or walk for prolonged periods of time.