



Diploma in Dance Teaching and Learning (DDTAL)

Frequently asked questions

Candidate questions

Where can I find a course or is there a course near me?

Trinity College London is an awarding body, not a course provider. Trinity's job is to create qualifications, appoint and train assessors and make sure that assessors apply rigorous and consistent standards when marking DDTAL candidates' work. You will need to contact individual course providers to find out more about specific course requirements. A list of course providers is available on the Trinity College London [website](#)

It's advisable to make enquiries with different course providers to find out how much they charge for a DDTAL course and how many days' tuition time they provide. All course providers currently offer part-time study options but some offer more tutor contact time than others.

Am I eligible to go on the course?

Each individual course provider has their own course application procedures and criteria, so check with them to find out your eligibility to attend their course. You must be at least 18 years old to take DDTAL and will need to have access to students you can teach whilst studying for DDTAL. You do not have to have any prior qualifications to take the assessments (although your course provider may wish you to have prior qualifications in order to join their course).

How long will the course take me? Or How long will it take me to get the qualification?

As Trinity College London is not a course provider we cannot say how long a course will take. You should ask the individual DDTAL course providers listed on the Trinity College London [website](#) how long their courses last and what length of time they expect their students to study for before submitting work for assessment. However, we have estimated that the number of hours needed to obtain the qualification (the Total Qualification Time) is approximately 1,048. This includes self-study time and guided learning time provided by a course provider. The Total Qualification Time should only be used as a guide as the amount of time needed to commit to the diploma will be dependent on each individual's level of experience and knowledge.

How long do I have to submit all my assignments?

You have three years from the point at which you first submit work for assessment to the point at which you must have submitted your final assessment. When you

submit your assignments is up to you (or your course provider). Most candidates who are studying for DDTAL on a course take approximately 18 months between starting and completing the qualification.

Do I have to attend a course or can I apply to register to take this qualification on my own?

You need to be registered with a course provider in order to submit work for assessment. There is no longer an independent route to obtaining the qualification.

How much does the course cost?

Each of the DDTAL course providers has devised their own course and each offer a different model with different amounts of tutor support time. You therefore need to contact the individual course providers to find out the course cost. When you ask about the cost of the course it's well worth asking each provider for the amount of tutor support time they provide as costs and levels of support vary.

In addition to the course cost you will also have the DDTAL assessment fee for each unit. A current list of prices can be found [here](#).

Can I get a grant / loan / funding for my course?

You can apply for a student loan towards DDTAL costs. It's also well worth making contact with your local regional dance agency or hub and they sometimes have small professional development grants that they can give out towards DDTAL costs (these are usually quite small in relation to the overall cost eg £250). Ask your course provider if they know of any other sources of funding.

When do I get the assessment questions?

The assessment questions for units 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are contained within the 2016 version of the qualification specification. The unit 2 assessment takes place online and you will gain access questions when you register for this unit. Contact Trinity for questions if you are using the previous version of the specification.

How can I get QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills Status)?

QTLS is awarded by the [Education and Training Foundation](#) (ETF) to individuals who have gained one of a number of qualifications AND have successfully completed the process of professional formation. DDTAL is one of the qualifications that act as a route to QTLS, so once a candidate has successfully completed DDTAL and been awarded their certificate they can apply to the [ETF](#) and begin the process of professional formation.

ALL enquiries (including those related to process, timescale, cost, problems etc) relating to QTLS and the process of professional formation should be directed to the Education and Training Foundation as they are not under the jurisdiction of Trinity College London.