



**Canada DanceSport Professional Division
DanseSport Canada Division Professionnelle**

Technical Certification Exam Information For Applicants

Student Teacher

Minimum age: 16 years. Candidates gain no qualifications in CDS PD, may not vote, and may not advertise as a member, but are permitted to attend meetings and to receive member discounts and publications. This level is an excellent preparation for the student dancer who is interested in teaching dance someday. The candidate is tested on their knowledge of the Student Teacher figures.

Associate

Minimum age: 18 years. Candidate is an experience dancer. The candidate is tested on their knowledge of the Student Teacher and Associate figures. The candidate must demonstrate good teaching abilities along with an understanding of the technique used in partnership dancing. This usually, is the first exam taken by an experienced dance instructor.

Licentiate

Minimum age: 19 years. Candidate is eligible to take this exam six months after attaining the Associate certification of the same dance style. The candidate is tested on their cumulative knowledge of the Student Teacher, Associate and Licentiate figures. The candidate must also demonstrate excellent teaching abilities and a higher understanding of the techniques used in partnership dancing.

Fellowship

Candidates for these examinations must have held Licentiate status in the same dance style concerned for at least three (3) years. The Fellowship degree is the highest standard of qualification for the teacher to achieve. The candidate is tested on the cumulative knowledge of all the figures of the particular style in which the exam is taken. In addition, the candidate must also have a greater knowledge of dance principals and techniques used in partnership dancing.

Examination Books:

- ISTD The Ballroom Technique
- ISTD Latin American
- The Viennese Waltz by Harry Smith Hampshire