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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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The UCWDC Education Committee is excited to share the many initiatives we have underway to support the growth and excellence of our dance community. In the coming months, we will be releasing comprehensive manuals for Levels One and Two of teacher certification, providing a structured foundation for instructors seeking to advance their professional skills. Alongside these manuals, we are developing companion video resources to further enhance the certification process, ensuring accessibility and clarity for all learners. Beyond certification, we are also working to build systems that welcome instructors from diverse dance backgrounds—whether they are dancers coming from a social dance background, international dancers, or professionals transitioning from ballroom into the UCWDC. Our goal is to create pathways that make entry into the UCWDC supportive, inclusive, and inspiring, while continuing to raise the standard of instruction across the organization.

What to Expect from the UCWDC Education Committee:

- **Teacher Certification Manuals** We will be releasing comprehensive manuals for Levels One and Two, giving instructors a solid foundation to advance their teaching skills.
- **Video Resources** Companion videos for Levels One and Two will be available to make the certification process more accessible and easy to follow.
- **Pathways for Instructors** We are developing systems to welcome instructors from a variety of dance backgrounds, including:
 - o Dancers coming from a social dance background
 - o International dancers
 - Ballroom professionals transitioning into the UCWDC
- Our Goal To create supportive and inclusive pathways into the UCWDC, while raising the standard of dance education across the organization.

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