Access Route FAQ for Applicants

1. I'm a student at one of the Approved Providers. Who can I talk to at my provider about the course?

Please email <u>Faculty@rad.org.uk</u> and we will put you in direct contact with the relevant party at your provider.

2. What happens if I can't continue with the course but want to start my studies at a later date?

In the event of extenuating circumstances, you may suspend your place on Access Routes for one year and resume upon return. To do this students should contact <u>registry@rad.org.uk</u>

3. Do I have to have a ballet exam such as RAD Intermediate to start the course?

There are no vocational dance requirements for entry onto Access Routes

4. How are the tuition fees paid?

The RAD will send you an invoice for the fees. All fees must be paid prior to starting on the Access Routes.

5. I've accepted my offer, but I have changed my mind. Is there a cooling off period?

Applicants who have accepted their place onto Access Route may withdraw within the first 4 weeks of delivery and receive a full-refund of tuition fees.

6. How will I receive the study materials provided?

All materials will be provided via access to the RAD online virtual learning environment: Moodle.

7. I don't have much experience of RAD syllabi. Does that matter?

There is no need to know the RAD syllabi to take the Access Route.

8. I read that Access Routes (Degree Route) is not a teaching qualification. What is the difference between a teaching qualification and eligibility for RAD RTS? The RAD offers a range of higher education teaching qualifications which are certificated and awarded either by the RAD or our validating university. The Access Route instead is a path that upon completion allows you to apply for the RAD Membership to hold RAD Registered Teacher Status.

9. Will I need to pay to become a RAD Registered Teacher?

Fees associated with RAD Registered Teacher Status can be found on our website: <u>https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/membership/</u>

10. What happens if I can't meet the final assessment deadline?

Extensions to assessments can be applied for if extenuating circumstances can be evidenced. To do this students should contact registry@rad.org.uk

11. How will my designated RAD Tutor provide me with feedback?

Feedback will be delivered by your assigned RAD Tutor, encompassing both written and verbal formats for formative and summative tasks. Additionally, feedback channels may include forum interactions or group tutorials, ensuring comprehensive support throughout your learning journey.

12. Will I have access to study skills material to help with my studies?

Your RAD tutor will provide guidance and support for any necessary study skills.

13. Can you tell me how I connect with other students on the course?

All students will be granted access to communal forums via the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) platform, Moodle. This feature will enable you to engage in discussions with a diverse group of peers from around the globe, fostering international communication and collaboration.

14. I've sent my application in via email but haven't heard anything. What do I do?

If you have any concerns about your applications please email Faculty@rad.org.uk

15. How long before I know if I have a place on the course?

All applicants will be informed by early March

16. I'm not a student at an Approved Provider. What sort of evidence do you require to show I've covered the pre-requisite study?

Please provide course specifications and programme handbooks for your degree programme. You may also need to submit a transcript of modules taken.

17. When will I know that I can apply for RAD Registered Teacher status?

All outcomes from the Access Route will be taken to an RAD Board of Examiners for ratification of results. A transcript will follow from this to let you know you are able to apply for RAD Registered Teacher Status.

18. I've talked to a tutor at my provider but I still have questions. Is there someone at the RAD I can talk to?

For further questions please email Faculty@rad.org.uk

19. What happens if I get injured/am ill before a practical assessment?

Extensions to assessments can be applied for if extenuating circumstances, such as injury, can be evidenced. To do this students should contact registry@rad.org.uk

20. Why is there only 3 hours tutoring?

The Access Routes is a student led learning experience, allowing students to take ownership of their educational experience, fostering independence, and encouraging active engagement in the learning process. This duration strikes a balance between providing guidance and resources while empowering students to drive their own learning outside of structured sessions.

21. Is there any bursary/scholarship funding I can access?

At this time there is no funding that the RAD can offer towards the Access Routes.