Dance and Special Education
Fall 2015

A group of modern dance and special education students gathered for a new course and community project:

Interdisciplinary Teaching Methods Practicum: Special Education and Dance
Led by Instructors:

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&
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Our Goals:

Collaboration

Sharing Knowledge

Generating New Ideas

Developing arts instruction for students with disabilities
In teaching teams students went off campus to special education elementary and preschool classes.

Teaching teams taught creative movement sessions at:
“An arts practice can remake one’s identity and transform preconceptions by re-envisioning the familiar.” - Sue Austin, deep sea diver in an underwater wheelchair.
“If we are to achieve a culture rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place.” - Margaret Mead
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Thank You

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Junior Achievement

To Our School
“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”

-John F. Kennedy
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