



Haley Simmons Dance Instructor

Haley's professional dance training began at the "late" age of fourteen, at Booker High School's Visual and Performing Arts Program. She attests her adequate performance in her audition to youtube dance tutorials and her elementary school ballroom training. After excelling in the four year program at Booker High School, which focused on Cecchetti Ballet, Modern, Improvisation, and Choreography, she left Sarasota, FL to pursue a Dance Degree at the University of Florida. There she worked with renowned artists Ric Rose, Tiffany Rhynard, Isa-Garcia Rose, Tsveta Pulvermacher, Trent D. Williams Jr., Elizabeth Johnson, Angela DiFiore, Nita Little, Doug Gillespie, Dr. Joan Frosch, and Maria Gillespie. During her time at University she also published movement research on somatics and communication, and danced abroad at the University of South Florida's Dance in Paris Program, under the tutelage of Michael Foley. Studying movement in Europe, she found a passion for dance theatre and postmodernism, as well as yoga. Currently she is earning her 200 hr Yoga Teacher Training certification with Melissa Montilla at Sanctuary Yoga.

When she is not teaching dance or yoga, Haley loves to hike with her 6 month old Blue Tick Hound Mix, Huxley. She also works as a freelance designer and media manager, and aspires to start a contemporary dance company "GAP Dance" here in Gainesville, Florida.