



You may be thinking, “What is CRU?”. CRU is the competitive dance team we have here at Over The Top; since we’re all about things being “so much more than dance”-- obviously, our CRU team has a deeper meaning to us, too.

C

The “C” in the acronym stands for Competitive, Confident, and Creative. While the premise of competition can seem intimidating, our team dynamic sets our dancers up for success in these competitive realms. Life is full of competition and we want to ensure our kids know how to walk into these spaces with as much confidence as possible.

Our mission is to expand on our own creativity and tell stories that we believe in; our routines are designed to fit the kids we have and to push them to their next level.

R

The “R” in the acronym stands for Respect. Relationships, and Responsibility. “R-E-S-P-E-C-T”, we’ll tell you what it means to us”. It is so important that the dancers in CRU learn the value of respecting themselves, their peers, their teachers, their parents etc. Dance friendships are some of the best friendships; being able to go through this type of experience with peers helps foster long lasting and meaningful relationships.

Personal responsibility is HUGE while being on our CRU team. A dancer on a CRU Team has the responsibility to be on time for practice, remember their routine(s), and to represent Over the Top Academy of Dance in a good manner.

U

The final letter “U” in the acronym stands for “Unity through stronger community.” All of our CRU dancers (regardless of level) are a part of this unified collective with a mission of “it’s so much more than dance.”

Being a part of a CRU Team is an experience a dancer won’t be able to forget. We are really intentional with team bonding and all of the dancers supporting one another.



WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

There are so many aspects we consider when looking for a possible CRU member to join our team. In regards to age, our Baby CRU team consists of dancers ages 4-6. Our Mini CRU consists of dancers around the ages of 6-9. Junior CRU will have dancers around the ages of 10-13 and Advanced CRU will have dancers around the ages of 14-18, who are advanced in their dance skills.

The quality of dancers we are looking for:

- Show leadership in class
- Have good attendance
- Have good team work and work ethic
- Being a part of our summer dance camps or theatre camp
- The want to do dance on more than just the recreational level

All of these qualities can help them stand out and increase the chance of a dancer's teacher noticing them and wanting them to be a part of a CRU Team.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A MEMBER

If your child is interested, please fill out a google form to have a conversation with studio owner, Jennifer Smith. She will provide for you a full explanation of details regarding the CRU Team and how that looks for your child. Showing interest and taking on additional opportunities we offer at the studio is a must for future CRU members. These opportunities/experiences are designed to develop more well-rounded dancers and people; we take notice of those that are willing to push themselves and have a hunger to grow.

THE PERKS OF BEING ON THE CRU TEAM

- Discounted workshops
- Competitions
- Team Activities
- Community engagement
- Performances at community events
- Dance Conventions
- Your child being part of a team
- Bundled dance pricing on classes