Next Generation Dance Company - Season 5 Welcome Package

Next Generation Dance Company has been voted Peterborough's Best Dance Studio for the past 3 years in a row. We offer highly qualified staff with reputable teaching credentials in all levels and genres at the studio. We value each and every dancer that walks through our doors, and we are thrilled to have you become a part of the Next Gen family!

Season 5 Changes and Additions:

5 years is a huge milestone and is coming with some new and exciting changes for all of the dancers and families at Next Gen!

- New Recreational Level Classes for our little dancers!
 - o NEW Small Steps Combo (Hip Hop and Tap) (Ages 3-5)
 - o NEW Mini Movers Tap (Ages 5-6)
- New Elite Level Classes: Offering more classes to our Elite Competitive Dancers to allow for a higher level of training and more training hours throughout the year
 - o NEW Mini Elite Stretch and Improv.
 - o NEW Mini Elite Technique (PBT Training and Cross-Training)
 - NEW Inter Elite Pointe
 - NEW Intermediate Extended Line
- Changes in Uniform and Uniform Pick-Up
 - O All uniforms will now be purchased at *The Dancer's Closet* here in Peterborough. Sue and the staff will have all of the information on hand to ensure that you are purchasing the correct uniform required for your dancer. Having *The Dancer's Closet* assist us with the uniforms will allow for dancers and families to be able to pick up everything they need in one place.

Please see below for detailed uniform requirements.

- Free Trials and Discounted Trial Month for Tiny Toes
 - Free Trials for all classes will continue to be offered throughout the year to dancers looking to try a new class style.
 - Discounted Trial Month available for our littlest dancers who may need a bit more time to get acquainted to the space and feel comfortable enough to dance.
 Discounted month is for new students only and includes 4 weeks of classes at a discounted price.
- Makeup classes for Holidays
 - Recreational dancers who miss classes due to studio closure on observed Holiday's throughout the term will now be able to make up their missed class in another genre in their age group during the same week. (Details below in the Important Dates section)

Refer a Friend Program

Next Generation is proud to offer a "Refer a Friend" Program. We will take off \$50.00 from your dancer's registration if your friend registers in a class and includes your name in their registration. Newly registered dancer must be enrolled and participate in class for at least one full term.

Recreational Terms

Our recreational classes run in 3 terms throughout the year:

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Term 1: September 7<sup>th</sup>-December 14<sup>th</sup>
Term 2: January 4<sup>th</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>
Term 3: March 22<sup>nd</sup>-June 7<sup>th</sup>
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Dancer's will be registered automatically for the next term unless we have been notified via email that they will not be continuing. We ask that email notification is given at least 2 weeks before the next term.

Recreational Summer Camps

Recreational Summer Camps will be available in the summer of 2026 during the following weeks:

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July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
August 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>
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Themes and schedules will be sent out by January 1st of 2026 with registration beginning January 15th 2026.

Competitive and Elite Program

Next Generation Dance Company has two award winning competitive streams and welcomes all dancers to audition in June of each year. Dancers must be 6 years old by December of the auditioning year to be eligible. Competitive Company dancers 6 hours each week while the Elite Company dances 12+ hours each week. If you are interested in either company, please feel free to reach out to the studio and we can assist you in choosing the proper classes for your child that will help them to be more successful during their audition. Spaces on our teams are limited.

Next Generation Season 5 Important Dates

September 7th 2025: Term 1 Begins (All Dancers) September 30th 2025: Orange Shirt Day October 11th-13th 2025: Thanksgiving – Studio Closed October 26th 2025-November 1st 2025: Halloween Spirit Week October 31st 2025: Halloween – Studio Closed November 9th-15th 2025: Bring a Friend to Dance Week (Recreational Classes Only) December 7th-13th 2025: Holiday Spirit Week (Recreational Classes Only) December 13th 2025: Last Day of Term 1 (Recreational Classes) December 14th-20th 2025: Holiday Spirit Week (Competitive Classes Only) December 21st 2025: Last Day of Term 1 (Competitive Level Classes) January 4th 2026: Term 2 Begins (All Dancers) February 8th-14th 2026: Valentine's Spirit Week February 16th 2026: Family Day – Studio Closed March 1st 2026: Competitive Run-Through Day (Mandatory for All Competitive and Elite Dancers) March 14th 2026: Last Day of Term 2 March 15th-21st 2026: March Break – Studio Closed (Make-up classes running) March 16th 2026: Make-up classes for Family Day (Competitive Dancers Only!) March 21st 2026: Make-up classes for April 25th 2026 (Term 3 Dancers) March 22nd 2026: First Day of Term 3 March 26th-29th 2026: Competition #1 (Competitive Members) April 3rd 2026: Good Friday – Studio Closed

April 6th 2026: Easter Monday – Studio Closed (Competitive Classes Running)

April 9th-12th 2026: Competition #2 (Competitive Members)

April 23rd-26th 2025: Competition #3 (Competitive Members)

April 25th 2026: Competition – Studio Closed

April 30th-May 3rd 2026: Competition #4 (Optional – Competitive Members)

May 14th-17th 2026: Competition #5 (Competitive Members)

May 18th 2026: Victoria Day – Studio Closed

June 6th 2026: Last Day of Term 3

June 8th-10th 2026: Season 5 Year-End Show (Details to Come)

Makeup Classes and Studio Closures: All Dancers

Next Generation Dance Company does not offer make-up classes for inclement weather days. It is our number one priority to keep your family safe, and there are times where difficult calls must be made to cancel classes to ensure the safety of all of our dancers.

Dancers who have class on a date with a holiday are welcome to take a makeup class in another class within their age group during that same week. For example, a dancer who has Acro on Monday's and misses class due to Family Day can choose to take a recreational Jazz class later on in that week to make up for their missed acro class. This offer is only valid for classes during the same week as the observed holiday. Both recreational and competitive level dancers are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. This is also a great way for your dancer to try a new genre!

We will email all impacted families in the event that classes are cancelled to the email listed on your StudioPro account. Please ensure your account is up to date with the most recent contact information listed. We will use this email to send out any and all reminders, closures, and changes that may arise throughout the season. We will also use social media for quickly relaying information to our families. Please ensure you are following Next Generation Dance Company on Facebook as well as @nextgendanceco on Instagram.

Term Variations

Please note that Recreational and Competitive Term dates may vary. Please ensure you are aware of the dates that pertain to **your** dancer. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask the Next Generation staff.

Dates are subject to change if required. All families will be notified of any changes via email

Studio Hours and Contact Information

Season 5: September 7th 2025 – June 7th 2026

*Studio Hours During Season 5:

Monday: 3:30-9:15 Tuesday: 3:30-9:15 Wednesday: 3:30-9:00 Thursday: 3:30-9:30 Friday: 3:30-8:45 Saturday: 9:00-2:30 Sunday: Closed

*Competitive Specialty Routines may run outside of these times. Please refer to your specialty schedule for your rehearsal times.

**The studio will be closed for all above holidays listed. Any email's and messages will be returned when the studio reopens at the dates provided. Any urgent communication should be done with "URGENT" in the subject line during these times for a prompt response.

Studio Address: 555 Parkhill Road E, Peterborough (Corner of Parkhill and Television Road)

Studio Email: info@nextgendanceco.ca

Studio Phone: 705 957 6687

Studio E-Transfer Email: payments@nextgendanceco.ca

All dancers and families should refrain from contacting any individual instructor directly and have all correspondence go through the studio. Requests for extra private lessons, questions, and concerns must go directly to the studio to be answered. Instructors are not permitted to give out personal information to any dancers or families for the safety of all involved.

Studio Payment Information

Next Generation Dance Company accepts E-transfer, cash, or cheque made out to Next Generation Dance Company for any and all payments. We DO NOT currently accept Debit or Credit. Please see below for all payment plan options.

Recreational Dancers:

A \$25.00 registration fee per dancer is collected at registration.

Payment can be paid in-full or per-term. If an account balance is \$1000.00 or more, payment may also be received per-month over 9 months (September – May)

If paying in full, all payment must be received 24h before the first class. If paying per term, the payment will be split into 3 equal amounts and paid on the following dates:

- September 1st 2025 (Term 1)
- January 1st 2026 (Term 2)
- March 15th 2026 (Term 3)

Ex. If a bill is \$600.00, there will be a payment of \$200.00 made on each of the above dates.

If your bill is \$1000.00 or greater, payment can be made per month. Payment will be split into 9 equal payments and must be paid on the 1st of each month from September to May.

Recreational Fee Structure

Please contact the studio for pricing

Discount Structure

Please contact the studio for eligible discounts

Multi-Student Discount: 10% off of the 2nd child of equal or lesser class cost value. 15% off of each additional child of equal or lesser class cost value.

Discounts are not available for specialty competitive routines.

Next Generation reserves the right to add late fees to any late and unpaid accounts.

Competitive and Elite Company Members

Company Terms

Our Competitive classes run in 3 terms throughout the year that are slightly different than recreational terms:

Term 1: September 7th-December 21st

Term 2: January 4th-March 15th

Term 3: March 22nd-June 7th

Competitive classes will run on <u>March 16th 2026</u> as a makeup class for Family Day. Classes will also run <u>Monday</u>, <u>April 6th</u> in preparation for our competition from April 9th-12th. Please plan accordingly as all dancers who have class on Monday must be in attendance on April 6th to be eligible to compete that weekend. Any conflicts must be brought to the studio's attention immediately.

We understand that March Break is a time to relax and enjoy a vacation. Please ensure dancers who have classes on Monday's are **back for classes on March 23rd** in order to be eligible to compete with their team at the March 26th-29th competition. Any conflicts must be brought to the studio's attention immediately.

Company Dates and Rehearsals

Please contact the studio for competition date information

All competitive and elite company members must be present in classes the week of and prior to the competition or they will risk being ineligible to perform with their team at that competition.

Next Generation Dance Company reserves the right to pull any dancer from any routine in any competition who is deemed "not ready" by any of the Next Generation staff as outlined in the Competitive Contracts signed each year.

New in 2026: We aim to have an on-stage rehearsal as well as an in-studio run through before our competitive season starts. Please stay tuned for this date that will be out before the end of September.

Company Costumes

New in 2026: All competitive routines will have a \$50.00 costume fee due by **September 1**st to help cover the initial purchase of the costume needed for that routine. Competitive Entry Fees

Competitive costume fees are separate from class fees and entry fees and cannot be added into your payment plan.

All costumes must be paid for in-full before they are taken home by the dancer. Any costumes not paid for by the time of the run-through (March 1st) will deem your dancer ineligible to compete and arrangements will be made to re-block the routines. No dancer will dance in unpaid costumes. If you are in need of assistance to devise a financial plan, please contact the studio and we are more than happy to assist you in this matter.

Company Fee Structure

All competitive families can choose between four different payment plans: Pay in-full, per-term, per-month (9 months) or per-month (12 months). These payment plans must be discussed with the studio before the date of the first payment and will be listed on the StudioPro account for families to keep track of their payments and view their receipts. Lump sum payments may be sent at any time to be added to your account.

Class fees for Competitive/Elite level classes are as follows:

Please contact the studio for pricing

Discounts for all classes are as follows:

Please contact the studio for eligible discounts

Multi-Student Discount: 10% off of the 2nd child of equal or lesser class cost value. 15% off of each additional child of equal or lesser class cost value.

There is a non-refundable Company fee charged to each Company Member to cover all administrative tasks, costume orders, competitive entrances, hotel bookings, etc. associated with the Company. This fee is due with the installments for Competitive Entry Fees.

Summer 2026

Recreational Summer Training

Recreational classes will run in a 4-week session is July to allow for our recreational dancers to continue training and growing in their preferred styles. Registration for recreational summer classes will take place in March of 2026 with a schedule out by the end of February 2026.

Summer Term: July 5th-August 1st 2026

Company Summer Training 2026

You asked, we listened! Here are our summer dates for our competitive and elite company members readily available for you to schedule around.

Summer Term

July 5th-August 1st (Schedule to be released in January 2026 – each group will dance one night per week Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 2.5-4 hours.)

Summer Term is mandatory for all Competitive and Elite Company Members with the exception of the Petite Co.

Summer Training Camps

Please see below our summer training camp schedule. These camps are highly recommended for all dancers and mandatory for any new competitive members joining the team for Season 6.

Mini Co/Pre-Junior Co Technique Week: July 20th – 24th 2026 Junior Co/Mini Elite Technique Week: July 27th – 31st 2026 Intermediate Co/Intermediate Elite Technique Week: August 10th-14th 2026 Elite Choreography Camp: August 24th – 28th 2026 (Mandatory)

Please note: your dancers group may change and new groups may be added. Please use these dates as a general guide, but understand that as the studio grows and changes, so may certain groupings and therefore, specific schedules.