



## Marissa Ramirez, Instructor

Marissa Ramirez was born and raised in Laredo, Texas where she was trained in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Modern, and Hip Hop. Her career started as an assistant for her home studio at 16 years old where she then developed her skills into a full time instructor. She has been teaching dance ever since! She discovered her passion for choreography when she was unable to afford to hire a solo choreographer one year; so, she took matters into her own hands and earned her first choreography award at 16.

Marissa is a recent graduate from The University of Texas at Austin (Hook 'em!) where she was able to work within the dance program as well as choreographing professionally around Austin. After graduating, Marissa took her dance teacher skills into the classroom—focusing on special education; by her second year, Marissa had the honor of earning an EANESpiration Educational Impact award. Marissa takes pride in giving youth and teens of ALL abilities the chance to lead, learn, thrive, and grow through the magic of performing arts. Her passion for dance shows in the studio where she encourages her dancers to be both confident and creative. Now, Marissa teaches dance at studios around Austin as well as pursuing a professional dance career.