

Melissa started dancing at the age of 2, and started competing at the age of 9 in Battle Creek, Michigan. After graduating high school, Melissa attended Grand Valley State University where she danced on the Laker Dance Team for all 4 years and was captain of the team for 2 years. She was asked to join the National Dance Alliance in 2007, where she worked for 2 years before becoming a social worker for the State of Michigan. Melissa received her Masters Degree in Counseling from Wayne State University in 2018, and plans to transition to a entrepreneurial career the emphasizes and combines the benefits of movement/dance and therapy.