

## COURSE THREE REGISTRATION:

### Original TCF Form

Register online by credit card at:

[www.taichihealth.com](http://www.taichihealth.com) under "Training"

#### Registration Costs for Course Three:

\$390 2 days (required for Certificate of Completion)

\$230 One day

\$30 Late fee: enroll less than 20 days in advance

\$50 cancellation fee. No refunds less than 20 days prior to course.

Please designate In-person or Zoom option

#### Required Course Materials:

Recommended: order course materials at least a month before course and practice the TCF Form with the DVD.

- TCF Personal Practice Set: TCF for Mastering Basics DVD and *Tai Chi Mind and Body* book (K40D)  
Cost: \$51.50 includes S/H

Purchase materials through the Store at:

[www.taichihealth.com](http://www.taichihealth.com)

Call: Tai Chi Health Office at 575-776-3470

Order when registering for course for additional \$10 fee

#### Questions?

For online registration contact:

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Email: [taichihealth.workshops@gmail.com](mailto:taichihealth.workshops@gmail.com)

For Course location and preparation contact:

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Tai Chi Fundamentals® Program (TCF) provides a prequel and support to a lineage tai chi form, and creates a bridge between tai chi practice and the medical model. The first program of its kind, it provides a clear, systematic approach for mastering tai chi basics that builds from simple to complex patterns of movement. Integrates mind/body components of tai chi with clinical overview, movement analysis, therapeutic & functional applications.

**Program Elements:** movements are taught in a motor development progression and Includes:

-**Basic Moves** a series of exercises that trains postural alignment, body mechanics and energetic components of tai chi. Designed as building blocks for learning tai chi, they are taught in a simple-to-complex progression with discrete, measurable increments in difficulty and have applications as assessment and intervention tools.

-**Original TCF Form.** Flowing sequence of simple to more complex movements of a modified Yang Style Tai Chi form.

-**Mind/Body Skills Training:** integrated into both Basic Moves and Form instruction. Fosters attention and focus, a calm observant state of mind, awareness of posture and breathing and physical relaxation. Characteristic of all traditional tai chi practice, it fosters cultivation of healthy qi or vital energy.

**Development:** in 1996 by Tricia Yu, MA and Jill Johnson, MS, PT, targeting elements from traditional tai chi that enhance balance, coordination, strength and endurance.

**The TCF Program has been featured in:** *PT Journal, Journal of Rehab Management, The Gerontologist, APTA's GeriNotes, Medline Plus, Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation, Journal of Asian Martial Arts, Wellness Program Management Advisor, ACSM's Health and Fitness Journal, and Massage and Bodywork.*

## CERTIFICATION

Requirements: minimum of 30 contact hours, individual home practice, application, fees, demonstration of movement proficiency, and written exam. Those with no previous experience usually need 6 months practice and study before applying.

Complete information & application: [www.taichihealth.com](http://www.taichihealth.com)

## TRAINING OPTIONS

For presentations, in-services and workshops tailored for your needs, contact instructors directly. We can work with you or refer you to a certified instructor in your area.

### ADAPTED PROGRAM TRAINING COURSE ONE

Sept 25-26, 2020 or March 19-20, 2021 Milwaukee area

See [www.enhancingbalance.com](http://www.enhancingbalance.com) or [www.taichihealth.com](http://www.taichihealth.com)

### ADAPTED PROGRAM TRAINING COURSE TWO

Being scheduled for 2020-21

See [www.enhancingbalance.com](http://www.enhancingbalance.com) or [www.taichihealth.com](http://www.taichihealth.com)

# taichi FUNDAMENTALS

## COURSE THREE:

Original TCF Form Training  
Performed Standing

Milwaukee Area, Wisconsin

November 6-7, 2020

June 11-12, 2021

**Instructor:** Patricia Culotti

**Prerequisite:** TCF Adapted Program Course 1

**Options:** Virtual or In-person Options  
One or Two-Day course

"A remarkable gift to the world of rehabilitation...brilliant, inspired work."—Jennifer M. Bottomley, PT, MS, PhD, President: International Organization of Physical Therapist working with Older People

"...an important study of the basic movements of taiji and teaching methods that will enhance an advanced student's or teacher's appreciation of the form."

—Noah Nunberg, review in *Journal of Asian Martial Arts*

"*Tai Chi Fundamentals* is the simplest and easiest to learn. It is a unique exercise for all ages and physical conditions—"  
—William C.C. Chen, Tai Chi Grand Master,

"... It will be of value to anyone who practices or is ready to fall in love with this wonderful art."—Kenneth S. Cohen, M.A. author, *The Way of Qigong and Healthy Breathing*

Approved for 12 CEUS by Wisconsin  
Physical Therapy Association

# COURSE THREE: Original Tai Chi Fundamentals® (TCF) Form Training

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

*Prerequisite: proficiency in elements taught in TCF Adapted Program Training Course One*

Teaches all elements required for TCF Level Three Certification. Participants review Basic Moves and TCF Adapted Program Short Form and learn Parts 2 and 3 of the original TCF Form. Includes teaching practicums, techniques for using TCF with specific populations, advanced training in sensing qi.

The course includes presentations by certified instructors on program applications in group settings and as therapeutic assessment and intervention tools. This course qualifies as partial contact hours fulfillment for *TCF Instructor Certification Level Three*. See CERTIFICATION

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1) Review the TCF Basic Moves
- 2) Learn all three sections of the Original TCF form.
- 3) Describe TCF's rationale, biomechanics & functional benefits.
- 4) Apply TCF's mind/body principles in a variety of settings.
- 5) Lead advanced exercises for sensing *qi* (life energy.)

## APPLICATIONS

Balance dysfunction, orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation, pain management, sports cross training, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, medically complex, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, and special populations. Use in hospitals, sub-acute, outpatient clinics, and home care. Teach groups of all ages and fitness levels in community wellness classes, health clubs, tai chi & martial arts schools, senior centers and long term care facilities.

## COURSE CONTENT

- TCF PROGRAM ADVANCED APPLICATIONS
  - Breathing, posture, functional relaxation
  - Flexibility & strengthening: Upper and Lower extremity
  - Mobility: ambulation, weight shifting, transitional movement
  - Neuromuscular re-education: spinal stabilization, coordination
  - Balance, double and single leg
- SUPINE/ SEATED APPLICATIONS
  - ROM Dance Range of Motion and Relaxation Program
  - Pain management
  - Breathing and Relaxation Exercises, Sensing Qi
- TEACHING PRACTICUM
- PROGRAM ADAPTATIONS AND APPLICATIONS: THERAPEUTIC AND GROUP WELLNESS SETTINGS
- CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

## AUDIENCE

Physical and Occupational Therapists, Nurses, Activity Directors, Recreational and Fitness Professionals, Tai Chi and other Martial Arts Instructors, and Integrative Health Practitioners

## FEES

**2-day Course: \$390**                      **1-day Course: \$230**  
**\$30** late fee & **\$50** cancellation fee. No refunds after 20 days prior to

## REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

- *TCF Personal Practice Set: Tai Chi Mind & Body* book and *TCF for Mastering Tai Chi Basics* instructional DVD (\$51.50)
  - Bring your *Adapted Program* book to this course.
- (You already have the *Adapted Program Training Course Set* purchased for Courses 1 & 2. *Includes: TCF Adapted Program Book & 3-DVD Set and TCF for Health Professionals & Instructors DVD.*)

## COURSE INSTRUCTORS:

**Patricia Culotti, CTI, MTF** [www.enhancingbalance.com](http://www.enhancingbalance.com)  
 Co-founder of Enhancing Balance, a multi-service wellness company, Pat has taught tai chi and qigong to diverse populations for hospitals and health care organizations since 1980. She teaches Cheng Man Ch'ing Yang style form internationally.

A certified Yang style instructor and Tai Chi Fundamentals Master Certified educator, Pat develops programs and trains professionals for certification. She is a featured model in *Tai Chi Mind and Body*.

**Tricia Yu, MA** [www.taichihealth.com](http://www.taichihealth.com)  
 Co-creator of Tai Chi Fundamentals and ROM Dance Programs and director of the Tai Chi Center 1974-2005. She is a pioneer in integrating tai chi into medical model exercise. Leaders in tai chi and health care endorse her programs and instructional materials.

She has presented seminars extensively for the past 35 years including APTA's Annual Meetings 2001, 2004, and 2005 and WOTA 2003. Her book, *Tai Chi Mind and Body* is now in twelve languages and distributed throughout Europe and Asia.

## COURSE LOCATION: May Vary –Please check

**Milwaukee Area—Enhancing Balance**  
 Dreams Life and Wellness Center Waukesha, WI 53189  
**Madison Area--Tai Chi Center of Madison**  
 301 South Bedford Street, Suite 219, Madison, WI 53703  
*Please note: this is different from the office mailing address*

## QUESTIONS, DIRECTIONS & LODGING INFORMATION:

Contact: Pat Culotti, 262-271-1061 or [pat@enhancingbalance.com](mailto:pat@enhancingbalance.com)

## AGENDA

### Day One: Milwaukee (Madison times 9:00am-4:45pm)

Review: All Basic Moves, TCF Form Part 1  
 Learn: TCF Original Form Parts 2 & 3.

- 10:30 am On-site registration (8:30 am in Madison)
- 11-12:15 Teaching Practicum, traditional class format Movement Lab: Basic Moves & Form Part 1
- 12:30 Teaching Practicum: Basic Moves & Form Part 1  
 Mind/Body Skills: Awake Hands  
 Movement Lab: Basic Moves & Form: Part 2  
 Martial Arts application of Form
- 2:00 LUNCH on your own
- 2:30-4:00 Seated or supine mindfulness practice  
 Mind/Body Skills: sensing qi supine & seated  
 Movement lab: TCF Form Part 2  
 Teaching practicum: Form Part 2  
 Tai chi for pain and physical limitation
- 4:15 Movement Lab: Overview TCF Form Part 3  
 Flow movement: Basic Moves and Form  
 Closing circle
- 6:00 ADJOURN

### Day Two: Milwaukee and Madison

Learn: Form Section Three, Qigong  
 Review: Entire TCF Form and All Basic Moves

- 9- 10:15 Teaching Practicum: circle class format  
 Mind/Body Skills: sensing qi with movement  
 Ideas for leading tai chi classes  
 Movement Lab: TCF Form Basic Moves 3  
 Guidelines for critiquing Form
- 10:30 Movement Lab: TCF Form Part 3  
 Martial Arts applications of TCF Form  
 Teaching Practicum: Basic Moves Part 3
- 12:15 LUNCH mindfulness practice
- 12:45-3:00 Seated or supine: mindfulness practice  
 Seated and supine mindfulness exercises  
 Creative TCF adaptations for specific populations  
 Movement Lab: review entire TCF Form
- 3:15 Certification, networking, educating peers  
 Flow movement: all program elements  
 Closing circle
- 4:00 ADJOURN